

OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY
MA IN LIFESPAN AND DIGITAL COMMUNICATION

THESIS AND PROJECT
PLANNING WORKSHEET

Your Name:

Your UIN

Date:

Anticipated Graduation: Fall Spring Summer

Instructions

This worksheet is to be completed and submitted to the GPD. Please type in your responses the boxes.
Write as much as you feel is needed to clearly make your points (the boxes will expand)

Deadlines

Project (COMM 685)

If you intend to graduate in a Spring term (May)—submit the form by December 1

If you intend to Graduate in a Summer term (August)—submit the form by April 1

If you intend to graduate in a Fall term (December)—submit the form by August 1

Thesis (COMM 689, 698, 699):

If you intend to graduate in a Spring term (May)—submit the form by May 1 (one year prior)

If you intend to Graduate in a Summer term (August)—submit the form by September 1

If you intend to graduate in a Fall term (December)—submit the form by December 1

MA Project or MA Thesis?

In the box below please indicate your preference for an MA Project or MA Thesis and tell us your reasons for this choice.

An MA Integrating Research Project: can take the on various forms such as: an action study, an applied project, a creative realization (audio, video), and more

An MA Thesis is a scholarly research study realized in written form.

CONTENT

In the boxes below please describe various aspects of your MA Project or MA Thesis.

<p><u>Topic Area:</u></p> <p>Describe the topic area(s) of your project or thesis</p>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><u>Research Questions, Hypotheses, Statement of Purpose</u></p> <p>Please tell is the kinds of initial RQ or H's you seek to address, or tell us the aim(s) of your project and why this interesting to you.</p>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><u>Method or Approach</u></p> <p>Describe the Method(s) that intend to use to address your RQ/H, or how you plan to conduct the project</p>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><u>IRB Review:</u></p> <p>Will your project involve collecting data from human subjects? If so it must be reviewed by the IRB prior to beginning data collection.</p>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><u>Resources Needed for Project</u></p> <p>What will you need to complete the project or thesis?</p> <p>For example:</p>		<input type="checkbox"/>

<p>Do you have a sufficient course background (or need specific courses)?</p> <p>Do you have an adequate statistical background to manage data analysis?</p> <p>Do you have adequate media production skills (if the project you choose requires production)?</p> <p>Do you need assistance with gaining participants?</p> <p>Lab space?</p> <p>Video equipment?</p>		
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COMMITTEE
In the section below please tell us about your MA Project or MA Thesis Committee

<p><u>Advisor</u></p> <p>Who has agreed to be your Advisor for the MA Project or MA Thesis?</p>	<p>1.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></p>
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<p><u>Two Readers</u></p> <p>Who will serve as your readers?</p> <p>Readers form a committee with the Advisor that provide guidance as well as assessment of the project/thesis</p> <p>All Advisors and Readers must be certified for graduate teaching by ODU.</p>	<p>.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></p>
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