

## **MA Thesis Topic and Methodology Statement**

**MA Thesis Topic Statement:** Due February 15 of the second semester of the student's program. The thesis topic statement is a preliminary statement of research objectives for the MA thesis that outlines its topic and methodology and presents an introductory bibliography.

In preparing this document, it is the student's responsibility to seek out a Department faculty member willing to supervise the proposed thesis. The preferred supervisor usually consents, but this is not automatic, since previous commitments to other graduate theses in progress, for example, may make it impossible for the person selected to undertake additional supervision. If this happens, the Graduate Administrator will help you select an appropriate supervisor. Additionally, each student is responsible for securing ethics approval; the GRIP program is intended to address ethics issues.

***Students who have applied for an MA SSHRC fellowship:*** In most cases, MA students who have applied for an MA SSHRC fellowship, or a similar fellowship from another granting agency, where their application has been vetted and approved by the Department, need not submit a thesis topic statement.

The topic statement is due February 15 of the second semester of the student's program since it is intended that a substantial part of the thesis research be accomplished during the four-month summer period. The topic statement is subject to the approval of both the Department of Folklore and the School of Graduate Studies and consequently is discussed at a meeting of department faculty members. Following that meeting, comments for improvement are relayed to the student by the proposed thesis supervisor. In order to be considered, a topic statement must be submitted for circulation to the Department ***at least one week*** before a scheduled departmental meeting.

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Student

Supervisor

Title of research project

Brief description of the topic under investigation

Major questions to be explored

Fieldwork/research plans

Archival and/or other primary sources to consult (if applicable)

Timetable of work

**Important citations (do not exceed this page)**