



L-Università ta' Malta
Institute of Maltese Studies

Maltese Studies M.A Dissertation Proposal

Some General Guidelines

The dissertation proposal is to be prepared by the student after first discussing it with the director.

The proposed topic must be within the areas of study covered by the M.A. course; it should have an inter-disciplinary bent, and must be relevant to the Institute's mission statements.

Students must verify that dissertations on exactly the same topic have not already been submitted to other Faculties Institutes and Centers.

The dissertation proposal must provide a survey of the planned research activities in the research topic area, including sources and access to these. It should seek to present original and innovative research ideas as well as defined research scope and directions so far as possible.

Students are advised not to finalize any arrangements themselves with regard to title, supervisor/s or any other interviewees before the submission itself has been discussed and approved by the IMS M.A. Committee.

The dissertation proposal should be prepared in accordance with the following format:

Cover Page - Proposed title; student details, date, signature of graduate student.



[TITLE OF THESIS]

By

[STUDENT FULL NAME]

A THESIS PROPOSAL

SUBMITTED TO THE INSTITUTE OF MALTESE STUDIES,

[MONTH, YEAR]

[STUDENT SIGNATURE]

Proposed research topic (btw 500 and 800 words) which will include;

- A **Problem Statement** - Including importance of topic and expected contributions to the field.

- B **Proposed Scope and Directions** - Including overall objective, specific aims/hypotheses, background, research plan & methodology, design, methods and techniques, possible results, proposed sources to be used (primary, printed primary, secondary, oral, other), limitations and pitfalls,

- C **Literature Cited** – Between 6 and 10 main secondary and/or other sources deemed to be of notable relevance for the proposed research

- D **Proposed Outline of Dissertation, Schedule for Completion and Milestones** - Displays a draft plan for completion of dissertation.