

Option B Capstone Essays/Projects

Capstone essays:

Copies of capstone essays should be submitted to the Director of Graduate Studies. Essays should have an Abstract of 250-300 words using the MA thesis format:

ABSTRACT

STUDENT'S NAME, LAST NAME FIRST: [title should follow here]

[text of Abstract comes next]

The essay's title page should follow the Abstract and should include: (1) the title, (2) the phrase, "by [student's name]," (3) the statement: "An essay submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the Degree of Master of Arts in English at North Carolina State University," (4) the advisor's name, (5) the date (all centered on the page).

Depending on length, the essay could/should have a table of contents, a brief intro followed by section (or chapter) divisions, a brief conclusion, notes, and works cited.

Capstone projects:

Copies of capstone projects, such as screenplays, documentary films, or curricular units, should be submitted to the Director of Graduate Studies along with a brief (5-10 pages) written narrative describing the project and its objectives.

The project narrative's title page should include: (1) the title, (2) the phrase, "by [student's name]," (3) the statement: "A project submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the Degree of Master of Arts in English at North Carolina State University," (4) the advisor's name, (5) the date (all centered on the page).

Capstone essays and projects should be completed by the end of classes during the semester or summer session when the student is registered for ENG 676.

Graduate Symposium:

The Graduate Symposium will be scheduled during the final exam period following each semester or summer session. The symposium will consist of four or five 15-20 minute presentations during which students will summarize the intellectual and/or creative merits of their capstone essays or projects. A brief (5-10 minutes) question and answer period will follow each presentation.