

Government Thesis Proposal Cover Sheet

Student name and email _____

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Please write a thesis proposal of around 1500 words (6 pages, double-spaced) that answers the five questions below. **Thesis cover sheets and proposals should be emailed to Karen Kaletka (kbkaletka@gov.harvard.edu) in the Undergraduate Program Office by 5pm on Friday, September 30, 2022.**

1. What is your research question? You should be able to state it clearly in 1-2 sentences.
2. Why is this a significant question for political science/theory?
3. What kinds of sources/data will help you answer this question? What research methods will you use to analyze these sources/data and why are these appropriate (be specific)?
4. What have you accomplished so far in researching your question? How has your thinking on the topic developed over time?
5. What do you expect to argue [i.e., what is your current hypothesis]? Have you developed any new hypotheses you have yet to test?