

**Fourth Year Thesis Draft Guidelines  
2009**

*A draft of your thesis is due on*

**Monday 6 July 2009**

*The following notes may provide a useful guide  
to the preparation of the draft.*

1. The draft should be at least 6,000 words of edited, corrected, properly documented material. A “stream of consciousness” jotting down of ideas will not do.
2. Each draft should indicate the character of the enquiry (thesis), the questions addressed, the procedures adopted, and the sources used. A historiographical “setting” of the enquiry is essential, how it is placed within its field, e.g. as a new venture, or as a correction of current conclusions.
3. The draft should include:
  - i) a plan of the structure of the enquiry – as completed and as intended: e.g. a table of contents and comments;
  - ii) an extract of the bibliography: primary sources and the secondary sources being used;
  - iii) e.g. one or two chapters with an indication of the status of the draft (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>...)  
and its place in the structure of the thesis;
  - iv) a statement by the student of any difficulties that are being encountered or envisaged: e.g. concerning sources, writing, conceptual.
4. Supervisors will notify the Honours Coordinator if satisfactory drafts have not been submitted on time.

Please submit your draft directly to your supervisor.

If they are on leave, please feel free to drop it at the School office, or give it to Jo Helsby, Honours Administrator.