

Third Year Papers—Guidelines for Students

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1. **The purpose of the third-year paper** is for you to provide evidence that you will be able to undertake a research project—your dissertation—on your own. Ideally, the paper is part of your dissertation project—as such, its topic can be either a comprehensive and critical literature survey, or original research. You should discuss with your advisor which type of paper is most suitable for you. The 3rd year paper is due on the last Friday before fall classes of your fourth year begin.

2. **The general format of the third-year paper**
 - (1) **If you choose to write a literature review:**
 - (a) The expected length of a literature review is 30 – 35 pages, double spaced. (The list of references is not counted as part of the page requirement.) The literature review

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Section 1—To be completed by the student:

Name: _____