

Portfolio Option for MA Non-Thesis (MANT) Track

All students enrolled in the MANT option will be required to complete a portfolio under the direction of a committee of three professors, chosen by the student. The portfolio should be undertaken in the last semester of coursework (although it can be started the summer before) and must be completed by the end of the 36th hour of coursework. The student will present the written portfolio to the committee as well as deliver an oral presentation of its content. Students will give a 10-minute presentation and then faculty will have the opportunity to ask questions for the rest of the hour. Students should present the portfolio to the chair 4 weeks before the scheduled date of the presentation and to the other committee members 2 weeks before.

The portfolio consists of the following:

1. ***A summary statement to your committee (5-7pp. double spaced).*** In the course of your statement you should address these questions. (a) Based on your coursework, what do you see as the major issues in your field of study as it is broadly conceived? (b) How does the work you have presented in this portfolio address those issues? (c) How is the work in the portfolio relevant to your educational and/or professional goals?

You will need to position your statement using pertinent sources from current disciplinary conversations. Following your assessment of these questions, you will need to provide a brief overview of the documents in the portfolio.

2. ***An updated résumé or curriculum vitae.***
3. ***A substantive revision of a seminar paper (20-25pp.).*** This revision must include additional research and significant development of a project initiated in a graduate seminar with an eye towards achieving a publishable quality paper. With the support of their committee chairs, students may petition their MA committee to substitute an equivalent major research or creative project based on an assignment from a previous graduate course.
4. ***Two of the following shorter projects.***
 - a) ***A research grant proposal (10-12 pp.)***
 - Cover Page (1 page)
 - Abstract (250 words or fewer)
 - Statement of Objectives and Significance (1-2 pages)
 - Brief Review of Relevant Literature (3-4 pages)
 - Description of Methodology (1 page)
 - Time Frame (1 page)
 - Budget (1 page)
 - Works Cited (various)

- CV (2 pages)
- b) A teaching portfolio for a class or unit in the student's primary or secondary area of expertise (10-12pp)**
- Table of Contents (1 page)
 - Statement of Teaching Philosophy (1-2 pages)
 - Professional CV (1-2 pages)
 - One Syllabus (3-4 pages)
 - One Assignment (1 page)
 - An explanation of assignment. (1 page)
- c) A website that presents a particular aspect of the student's research**
- d) An annotated bibliography of works useful to an area of the student's research (35-40 texts)**
- e) A book review of a scholarly work in the student's field (1000 words)**
- f) An equivalent project approved by the student's portfolio committee and the graduate advisor**