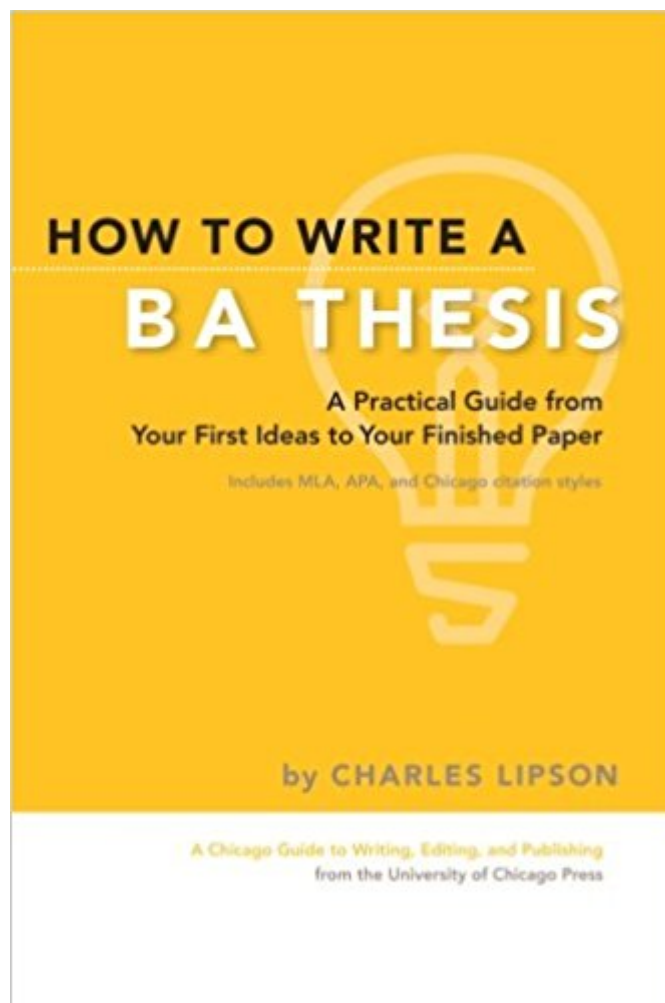


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# How To Write A BA Thesis: A Practical Guide From Your First Ideas To Your Finished Paper (Chicago Guides To Writing, Editing, And Publishing)



## Synopsis

The senior thesis is the capstone of a college education, but writing one can be a daunting prospect. Students need to choose their own topic and select the right adviser. Then they need to work steadily for several months as they research, write, and manage a major independent project. Now there's a mentor to help. *How to Write a BA Thesis* is a practical, friendly guide written by Charles Lipson, an experienced professor who has guided hundreds of students through the thesis-writing process. This book offers step-by-step advice on how to turn a vague idea into a clearly defined proposal, then a draft paper, and, ultimately, a polished thesis. Lipson also tackles issues beyond the classroom—from good work habits to coping with personal problems that interfere with research and writing. Filled with examples and easy-to-use highlighted tips, the book also includes handy time schedules that show when to begin various tasks and how much time to spend on each. Convenient checklists remind students which steps need special attention, and a detailed appendix, filled with examples, shows how to use the three main citation systems in the humanities and social sciences: MLA, APA, and Chicago. *How to Write a BA Thesis* will help students work more comfortably and effectively—on their own and with their advisers. Its clear guidelines and sensible advice make it the perfect text for thesis workshops. Students and their advisers will refer again and again to this invaluable resource. From choosing a topic to preparing the final paper, *How to Write a BA Thesis* helps students turn a daunting prospect into a remarkable achievement.

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I've read a number of books about writing a thesis/dissertation; this is by far the most useful and pragmatic book on the market. While Lipson spends sometime discussing the "softer" aspects of writing a thesis (how to not become discouraged, why you should really pick a topic you think you would enjoy writing about, etc.), he also provides incredibly helpful suggestions when it comes to the actual writing of the thesis, including a detailed checklist and timeline for your thesis. And his section on "pre-writing" is the best advice I've gotten yet as to how to actually start getting words down on paper. This book's practicality and concreteness is a refreshing change of pace from the almost self-help quality of other writing books.

This book gives needed guidance to students working independently on their senior project/thesis. I like having a book that provides structure to the student's research experience. I ask students to buy this book and the APA manual to help them through their senior projects.

I've been putting off writing my thesis for years. I felt burnt out, unfocused, and clueless as to what to write about. I wish I had bought this book years ago. I am now enrolling in my final class and writing the long awaited thesis. This book is clearly written and seems to answer every question without being dry and like another useless textbook. It's gotten me excited about writing again.

This book was required for my thesis seminar. I referred to it a few times, particularly in coming up with a good topic for my thesis. However, it isn't absolutely necessary and a lot of the material is common sense if you've made it through college.

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This book is a must for anyone that is planning on writing their first thesis. This is the most valuable

reference book I have ever used.

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