

# MASTER OF INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES CAPSTONE REQUIREMENTS

Professional Capstone Thesis	Professional Capstone Project	Professional Industry Internship
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>		
<i>A professional thesis uses original research investigation with quantitative, qualitative, or mixed methods. Students should work to make a quality product eventually leading to publication.</i>	<i>A specific social/global project clearly demonstrating interdisciplinary knowledge. Should be grounded in relevant literature to create a foundation of best practices.</i>	<i>Designed to help students gain legitimate industry work related to post-graduation career goals, clearly demonstrating interdisciplinary knowledge</i>
<b>Title Page and Abstract</b>		
The abstract should be a 50-100 word summary.	The abstract should be a 50-100 word summary.	The abstract should be a 50-100 word summary.
<b>Acknowledgement</b>		
1 page description of process and recognition of individuals or organizations influential in completion.	1 page description of process and recognition of individuals or organizations influential in completion.	1 page description of process and recognition of individuals or organizations influential in completion.
<b>Structural Elements</b>		
Includes a table of contents at minimum. Could include tables of figures or charts as needed.	Includes a table of contents at minimum. Could include tables of figures or charts as needed.	Includes a table of contents at minimum. Could include tables of figures or charts as needed.
<b>(Chapter 1)</b>	<b>Introduction</b>	
2 - 4 pages introducing the thesis with essential facts, dates, figures, and topic justification.	1 - 2 pages introducing the project with essential facts, dates, figures, and topic justification.	1 - 2 pages introducing the internship with essential facts, dates, figures, and topic justification.
<b>(Chapter 2)</b>	<b>Literature Review</b>	
1 - 2 pages each: essential background, statement of problem, purpose of study, theoretical framework, research questions, nature of study, and significance of the study.	2 - 3 pages providing essential background for the need of the project.	2 - 3 pages providing essential background for the need of the internship.
<b>(Chapter 3)</b>	<b>Methodology</b>	
1 - 2 pages each: research method, research question, population, sample, data collection, assumptions, limitations, delimitations, and ethical assurance.	2 - 3 pages clearly describing survey methods.	2 - 3 pages clearly describing survey methods.
<b>(Chapter 4)</b>	<b>Results and Discussion</b>	
2 - 4 pages describing your findings, results, analysis, and evaluation.	1 - 2 pages describing the outcomes and suggestions for future projects.	1 - 2 pages describing the outcomes and suggestions for future career goals.
<b>(Chapter 5)</b>	<b>Conclusion and Recommendations</b>	
2 - 4 pages summarizing your implication, conclusion, and recommendation.	1 - 2 pages summarizing your project and clearly stating your recommendation moving forward.	1 - 2 pages summarizing your internship and clearly stating your recommendation moving forward.
<b>Reference List and Appendices</b>		
At least 10 references are required. Add appendices as needed. Must conform to current edition of APA style.	At least 5 references are required. Add appendices as needed. Must conform to current edition of APA style.	At least 5 references are required. Add appendices as needed. Must conform to current edition of APA style.
<b>Digital Permission</b>		
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<b>33 - 45 Pages</b>	<b>8 - 13 Pages</b>	<b>8 - 13 Pages</b>

**Final Presentations:** 5 minutes in length, followed by 3 - 5 minutes for questions. Students at a distance may present through Zoom.