Master’s Report

All students pursuing the MA, or MA on the way to the PhD, are required to complete a Master’s report, which is a two-part final document submitted in full to the Grad School in the semester in which you’ll receive your Master’s degree.

Content of Report
The topic of the report is selected in consultation with your faculty advisor. You will complete the following thematically-linked assignments as your report:

1. Literature Review (AFR 397R: Secondary Report, due at the end of the fall semester)

Your work over both semesters will be synthesized and submitted together to the Graduate School. Students should consult the Graduate School website for the deadline for the spring submission of the complete Master’s Report. For Spring 2015, the date is currently listed as May 8, 2015.

Readers
You need to identify two readers for your Master’s Report: your advisor and a second reader chosen in consultation with your advisor. Both readers need to be a part of the AADS GSC.

Document Requirements

Literature Review (register for ‘AFR 397R: Secondary Report’*)

Students will create a literature review that will serve as the foundation for the publishable article that will be written in the spring. The specific format for the literature review will be determined through consultation between the student and the student’s advisor.

The literature review will be divided into three or four theoretical/topical areas that are central to the development of the publishable essay. For each area, the student must develop a bibliography of 30-40 texts. The student will meet regularly with her/his advisor to review and discuss the texts to be included in the literature review.

The student must submit a draft of the literature review to the second reader within a timeframe that allows ample opportunity for the reader to review the literature review, and for the student to make appropriate revisions.

The completed literature review should be a minimum of 30 pages.

*CR/No CR is given as a grade for this course – enroll in this course as pass/fail. Though discouraged, the course may be repeated if additional time is needed to complete the literary review.

Publishable Essay (register for ‘AFR 398R: Master’s Report’*)

Note: you must register in AFR 398R the semester you are planning to graduate. Registration in this course is limited to the final semester of the student’s enrollment in the MA program.

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Students will produce an article of at least 30 pages with the intention of submitting the work to a peer-reviewed journal. In consultation with the student’s advisor, the student will identify an appropriate peer-reviewed journal for the submission of the publishable essay. The student will prepare his/her essay in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the chosen journal. The student must submit a draft of the literature review to the second reader within a timeframe that allows ample opportunity for the reader to review the literature review, and for the student to make appropriate revisions. The student’s advisor will determine whether or not the essay is ready for submission to the journal. If the essay is passable as part of the Master’s Report but not ready for submission to the journal, the advisor will continue to work with the student to prepare the essay for a later submission. Note: As part of the AADS doctoral milestones, students must submit one article for publication.

**CR/No CR is given as a grade for this course – enroll in this course as pass/fail.** Although highly discouraged, this course may be repeated if necessary. AFR 398R must always be taken the final semester of enrollment in the Master’s program. A grade for this course is only counted the final semester of enrollment.

**Master’s Report Submission**
Through an online system, students will submit both the Literature Review and the Publishable Essay in one document as their Master’s Report. This submission will be overseen by the Graduate School.

In addition to filling out an online application to graduate, students must also upload a PDF file of their report to the Texas Digital Library (TDL) by a set date and time. Your report will be made available to the public through this database. You must also submit a paper version of certain pages in your report (outlined at the link below) to the graduate school by the submission deadline.

Students will follow all submission guidelines and deadlines stipulated by the Graduate School, found on the OGS website: [http://www.utexas.edu/ogs/pdn/](http://www.utexas.edu/ogs/pdn/)

**Resources**
The submitted reports of former AADS Master’s students Gustavo Cerqueira and Abimbola Adelakun are available on the library website: [http://www.lib.utexas.edu](http://www.lib.utexas.edu/)