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# Newsletter

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## Formatting Change

### Final format phase completed

The format transition that began in Spring 2016 from requirements set in the 1920s is now complete. Pagination placement has changed and the abstract “reference block” has been eliminated.

New format requirements allow students to choose a printer vendor without the stress of needing to reformat their thesis.

### Updated Word Templates

The TDO strongly recommends that students use the templates that are available on the [Templates](#) webpage. The templates that are published to this page contain all up-to-date requirements. Upcoming improvements to the Templates website will allow students to choose their department and the template designed for their department will appear to download. No more guessing which template to use!

### Puthesis Template

The TDO is still accepting all theses and dissertations that are formatted using the old puthesis template. The new puthesis template will be available in the near future after extensive testing and will reflect current formatting requirements.

## Spotlight:

### Hammer Research Repository

*Purdue Graduate School's new Open Access thesis repository shines*

After its full implementation in December 2018, the Hammer Research Repository has proved to be as successful tool in making all theses and dissertations accessible worldwide. Visit our new repository [here](#).



### Discoverability

Hammer began indexing with Google Scholar in March 2019. The repository is also indexed with the Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations (NDLTD). Metadata record integration with ProQuest is on the horizon.

### Open Access Impact

Since publishing began in December 2018, there have been over 57,000 views and over 17,000 downloads of theses published to Hammer.

### Top 5 downloaded theses

**Kshitji Mall, PHD** Advancing Optimal Control Theory Using Trigonometry for Solving Complex Aerospace Problems  
(Fall 2018) **357**

**Jithin Prabha, MSME**  
3D Printing of Nanoantenna Arrays for Optical Metasurfaces  
(Fall 2018) **317**

**Aritra Chakravorty, PHD**  
Embarrassingly Parallel Statistics and its Applications: Divide & Recombine Methods for Parallel Computation of Quantiles and Construction of K-D Trees for Big Data  
(Fall 2018) **214**

**Akash Gaikwad, MSECE**  
Pruning Convolution Neural Network (SqueezeNet) for Efficient Hardware Deployment  
(Fall 2018) **201**

**Stefan Maldonado, PHD**  
Superstructure Bridge Selection Based on Bridge Life-Cycle Cost Analysis  
(Fall 2018) **189**

# Copyright and your thesis



**Are you planning to use previously published or copyrighted material in your thesis?  
You may need to request permission to reuse the material!**

## Copyright Permission Letters

If you have signed away the copyright to an article that you have written or you are using someone else's copyrighted works within your own thesis, you will likely need to request permission to reuse the material.

Visit this [website](#), which provides helpful examples of copyright permission letters.

## Fair Use vs. Permission

According to Purdue's University Copyright Office, "Fair use is one of the exceptions in copyright which allows use of copyrighted materials without obtaining permission as long as the use can be considered fair"<sup>1</sup>.

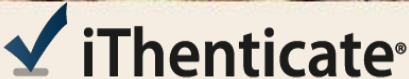
Follow the [Fair Use](#) guide here to help determine whether reuse of copyrighted material can be considered as Fair Use.

## Publisher/Journal Requirements

Each academic publisher or journal has different requirements on the reuse of publications or pre-publications. It is helpful to read the author agreement forms that you sign before publishing with the journal as these agreements normally have guidelines on what you can and cannot do with the article that you are submitting/have submitted/plan to submit.

This [list](#) provided by Sherpa/Romeo is a non-exhaustive list of publishers and their general reuse policies.

<sup>1</sup> [https://www.lib.purdue.edu/uco/CopyrightBasics/fair\\_use.html](https://www.lib.purdue.edu/uco/CopyrightBasics/fair_use.html)



All theses and dissertations deposited at Purdue must be screened using the iThenticate plagiarism program. Satisfaction of this requirement will be certified by both committee chair and degree candidate by making the appropriate selection on the ETAF.

**Only Purdue faculty and Graduate Faculty at regional campuses are able to obtain an iThenticate license.**

Please direct all iThenticate account questions to [Dr. Jamie Mohler](#), Associate Dean of the Graduate School and Research Integrity Officer.

**DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE!**

## Non-traditional thesis formats

*The Purdue Graduate School accepts non-traditional thesis types!*

*With the approval from departments and examining committees, students are permitted to submit other than traditional theses and dissertations. Maybe it's a portfolio? A website? A 3-D model? Any other type of digital component that may accompany a written component? The Graduate School will accept it!*

**THE GRADUATE SCHOOL WILL NO LONGER BE PERCEIVED AS A BARRIER BETWEEN STUDENTS AND THEIR CREATIVITY**

## Format Consultations

*Schedule a format consultation to relieve the formatting stress!*

Let the formatting experts in the Thesis and Dissertation Office help with your formatting! Maybe you are struggling with bookmarking tables and figures? Creating a table of contents? Something else? Trust us to help set you on the right track BEFORE you defend your thesis!

The Thesis Office staff recommend that students schedule a [format consultation](#) before they submit their manuscript to their committee for their final defense. We will ensure that the students are properly formatted, which reduces the number of revisions that are asked from the students at deposit time.

Since beginning consultations with the Fall 2018 semester, the number of revisions that have been asked of students at deposit time have drastically declined.

### Fall 2019 Deposit Deadlines\*

Exam/Degree Only: October 11, 5pm

Candidate 99100: December 6, 5pm

### Spring 2020 Deposit Deadlines\*

Exam/Degree Only: March 6, 5pm

Candidate 99100: May 1, 5pm

### Summer 2020 Deposit Deadlines\*

Exam/Degree Only: June 26, 5pm

Candidate 99100: July 31, 5pm

\* Theses must be submitted for final format review at least 24 hours before the above mentioned deadlines