Master of Arts, Fashion Journalism Final Review Handbook

This handbook contains the Fashion Journalism Final Review requirements, planning guides, and resources. Please read through all of this information carefully before preparing your materials for Final Review. If you have any questions or need clarification on any aspect of your upcoming Final Review, you will find information about who to contact on page 18 of this handbook.

It is your responsibility to use the latest version of the Final Review Handbook. If you are uncertain if this is the latest version, please refer to the Fashion Journalism page on the Graduate Showcase: http://gradshowcase.academyart.edu/

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1. ELIGIBILITY FOR FINAL REVIEW

A. Eligibility

All Final Reviews must be held at the end of the semester in which you complete your regular program units. You must declare your graduation term before a tentative date can be set. The process has three steps:

- DECLARATION: In the semester prior to your Final Review, you can either contact your advisor to declare
 your graduation term or go through your self-service page. Additional graduation declaration and
 commencement information is found online here:
 http://www.academyart.edu/content/aau/en/students/my-academy/academic-resources/graduation-commencement.html
- 2. **REGISTRATION**: Register for your final semester of coursework with your advisor or online through your Online Student Registration Profile.
- 3. **REVIEW SIGN-UP**: Once you have declared your graduation term and registered for courses, at the start of the semester you are presenting, you will need to review the Final Review online orientation and complete the online sign-up form available here: http://gradshowcase.academyart.edu/. Refer to the Graduate School Calendar for the available online sign-up dates here: http://www.academyart.edu/students/my-academy/academic-resources/graduate-student-academic-resources. See further details for scheduling a final review below.

NOTE: If Final Thesis Project conditions have not been met within two semesters, you will need to reapply to the Graduate School to graduate.

Plan ahead and prepare as much of your project as possible by the beginning of the semester. Strive to have only your final touches remaining to be completed *during* your last semester of coursework.

2. SCHEDULING YOUR FINAL REVIEW

A. Review Date

Final Reviews are conducted in the spring, summer and fall semesters. Presentations typically start in the eleventh or twelfth week of the fall or spring semester and in the sixth week of the summer semester. You can find the sign-up dates in the Graduate School Calendar:

http://www.academyart.edu/students/my-academy/academic-resources/graduate-student-academic-resources

No Final Reviews are permitted during the intersession. A finalized date will be set during the semester the Final Review is to be conducted, based on director availability. This date can be changed only in case of personal emergency, and must be approved by both the Graduate School and the department director to be official.

NOTE: Please communicate with your Graduate Advisor about when would be the most appropriate term to schedule your Final Review. It is important to know the final cut-off date for scheduling your review. You should receive an email from the Final Review Coordinator approximately one week prior to the start of the semester you will be presenting your Final Review with details on how to sign-up. The email will direct you to the Graduate Midpoint and Final Review Showcase http://gradshowcase.academyart.edu/.

B. Review Orientation

You are required to watch the online Final Review Orientation prior to completing the Final Review sign-up form online. You have the option of presenting your Midpoint or Final Review online or on campus. If you will be doing your Final Review online please review the <u>online presentation specifications</u>. You will be sent confirmation of your review date shortly after the close of the review sign-up period. Please <u>contact</u> the Final Review Coordinator if you have any questions on scheduling your review.

C. Attendance & Cancellations

Final Review attendance is mandatory. All Final Reviews must be held at the end of the semester in which you complete your regular program units. If you do not attend the Final Review will be considered a "No Show" and will be noted as "Not Approved".

Cancellations or postponements may be approved as a rare exception, all requests must be organized through the Final Review Coordinator at least 5 working days prior to the scheduled review date. Late cancellations or postponements will be considered "No Show" and will be noted as "Not Approved" for the Final Review.

Students are asked **not** to invite non-committee members, friends or family to their Final Review. Please do not provide food at the Final Review.

3. DELIVERABLE DETAILS & DUE DATES

Your Final Review will consist of the following four components: portfolio, thesis book, oral presentation, and Directed Study Journals. <u>Link to tutorial on uploading work to LMS</u>.

IMPORTANT: If your Thesis Book and Portfolio are not received in time, your Final Review will be cancelled, and you will need to present the following semester.

Portfolio:

This is a formal presentation to the committee of your body of work. The visual presentation will include your full professional project and directed study journal(s).

Link to more detailed portfolio checklist

Upload/Deliver To:	Upload to the Portfolio Icon in LMS
Due Date:	Two (2) weeks prior to review date
Format:	PDF

Thesis Book:

Your Final Thesis Book must provide a synopsis of the research and the creative processes involved in the completion of the work.

Professional Editing: The proposal must be professionally executed, grammatically correct and free of spelling errors and typos.

Link to more detailed thesis book checklist

Upload/Deliver To:	pload/Deliver To: Upload to the Thesis Book Icon in LMS	
Due Date:	Two (2) weeks prior to review date	
Format:	PDF	

Oral Presentation:

The oral presentation is the overview of your actual presentation. Onsite students are advised to and online students are required to create and use a PowerPoint presentation.

Link to more detailed oral presentation checklist

Upload/Deliver To:	At the Final Review
Due Date:	At the scheduled day/time of your review; Two (2) weeks prior to review
	date if presenting online
Format:	PowerPoint or PDF
Practice and	Practice your oral presentation in advance of your review to ensure your
Prepare:	comfort level during the presentation. Be prepared to answer questions
	when you are finished.
Notes:	You may use notes, flashcards, or prompts in your PowerPoint as cues to
	help you remember the information during your oral presentation. Do
	not read your entire presentation.

Link to online presentation details for online students

Directed Study Journals:

Your Directed Study Journal must be made available to the review team. Please include photographs and sketches.

On-Campus	Please bring your journal with you to your presentation or provide a link	
Students:	to your online journal. Hard copy journals will be reviewed and returned	
	to you at the end of the review.	
Online Students:	If you kept a physical Directed Study Journal, you will need to mail it in with your Final Review package. Please include a correctly-sized return envelope to receive it back. Journals are mailed back after all Final Reviews are completed.	

If you are keeping an online Directed Study Journal within the online directed study class system, your director will have access to review it and no action is required.

NOTE: If you are keeping an online Directed Study Journal outside of the online class system such as a blog or website, please provide a link to your site.

4. FINAL REVIEW PROCESS

A. Review Expectations and Structure

Final Reviews are one hour in duration. Your presentation should be 20 minutes long.

The Final Review meeting will follow this structure:

Final Review Panel/Student Introduction	5 minutes
Final Review Presentation	20 minutes
Committee Question & Answer Session	10 minutes
Committee Discussion – closed door/offline	15 minutes
Committee Decision & Feedback	10 minutes

Review Committee: The Final Review Committee is comprised of faculty and/or industry professionals approved by the Graduate School and the Department Directors.

Committee Question & Answer Session: After your presentation, questions will be asked by the Committee for clarification on your project.

Committee Discussion, Decision, & Feedback: After the question and answer session, the committee will recess in private to discuss the merits of your proposal.

B. Results

Upon reconvening, the committee will present you with one of the following outcomes:

Approved: You have passed the review portion of your degree requirements and may be granted your

degree upon completing all degree requirements. See awarding the Master's Degree below.

Not Approved: You have NOT passed, and will NOT be granted your degree until one of the following has

been completed and the Final Review materials are approved by the Final Review Committee:

Resubmit: Following specific Final Review Committee requirements your project

requires small changes that must be corrected and re-submitted within 3 weeks. If the re-submission meets the requirements, then the Final Review materials are approved and you may be granted your degree.

OR

Represent: Following specific Final Review Committee requirements you must

complete additional studio work, and/or rethink your Final Project, to present at a new Final Review next semester. You must sign-up for a new

review date at the start of the next semester.

Please follow directions outlined in the link below to view your results and written feedback after your Final Review.

http://gradshowcase.academyart.edu/content/dam/Grad%20Showcase/home_page/pdf/ReviewResults.pdf

C. Evaluation Questions

The work you submit will be assessed using the Graduate School of Fashion program learning outcomes. At the Final Review the review committee is evaluating your success in meeting the stated outcomes.

http://www.academyart.edu/academics/fashion/graduate-degrees

D. Awarding the Master's Degree

Your degree will be awarded and diploma issued after you have completed ALL of the following:

- All curriculum requirements are fulfilled: all units and minimum grade requirements completed.
- Presentation and approval of your Final Review before Committee
- Submission of all Final Project materials.
- No outstanding financial obligations.
- Completed the Online Graduate Survey at http://apply.academyart.edu/careersvsgradtrack/.

NOTE: If Final Project conditions have not been met within two semesters, you will need to reapply to the Graduate School to graduate.

5. CHECKLISTS

FINAL PORTFOLIO CHECKLIST

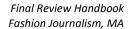
Portfolio	You will need to include the following as part of your final portfolio:
Contents:	 Concept Magazine PDF produced in FSH 626 course or <i>Issuu</i> link of the PDF Concept Magazine Website produced on <i>Weebly</i> in FSH 626 course Your Thesis Project (PDF, Website, or alternative media i.e. Mobile app, iPad app, or Multimedia are acceptable) Your website/blog with publishable quality stories produced in FSH 617, FSH 627, FSH 619, and/or Directed Study courses (Hint: Use <i>Tumblr</i> to post your written stories online) Work summary Date(s) created Course name and instructor The Thesis Book includes your resume, autobiography and what you are proposing to work on in your Directed Studies classes. The Portfolio is the actual work itself, with examples of print stories, web, styling and video as the finished product would appear to readers.

THESIS BOOK CHECKLIST

Your Final Thesis Book must provide a synopsis of the research and creative processes involved in the completion of the work. For the Thesis Book:

- **REVIEW:** Review the general AAU Final Review guidelines, but be certain to follow the latest version of the Fashion Journalism Final Review Handbook (this document) when writing your Thesis Book.
- **GRAMMAR/SPELLING:** Be sure the proposal is grammatically correct and free of spelling errors and typos. The Academy Resource Center (ARC) offers support for both your written and oral presentation.
- **SECTIONS:** Your Thesis Book must include the following sections. Requirements are detailed on the next page.
- **EVOLUTION:** Your Thesis Book must significantly reflect the evolution of your project since your Midpoint Review. DO NOT simply recap what you wrote in your Thesis Project Proposal at your Midpoint Review.

Thesis Book Contents:	In your thesis book, you must include the each: ☐ Cover Page ☐ Table of Contents ☐ Autobiography ☐ Resume	e folk	Timeline Thesis Summary Thesis Project Statement of Future Plans
Cover Page:	The cover of your thesis book must inclu ☐ Project Title ☐ Your Name	de th	e following:





	□ Student ID Number □ Academy of Art University, Graduate School of Fashion Journalism □ Final Thesis Project □ Date of Presentation □ Time of Presentation
Table of Contents:	All Final Reviews must have a table of contents (TOC) ☐ Number each page of the book ☐ List each topic section and it's corresponding page number in the TOC ☐ Select an appropriate font ☐ Font size should be no smaller than 10 pt. and easily readable
Autobiography:	For your autobiography, write your autobiography in a concise and engaging manner. you will briefly address the following in no more than one page in length: Introduce yourself Explain how you developed an interest in Fashion Journalism Discuss what led you to enroll at the Academy of Art University You may also include other information that seems appropriate or relevant, including internship experience, and publication of your work in Fashion School Daily or other platforms.
Resume:	You will need to include a formal resume in your proposal. This is a one-page professional document that lists your current contact information, work experiences, skills and education. Dates should be listed chronologically, most recent at the top of the list. Name Additional contact information Educational background Recent or pertinent employment history E-mail Other relevant interest/vocational information Website (optional)
Timeline:	The timeline must include the following: ☐ List by semester all of the courses that you have taken to date that apply to your degree completion, including the course number, title, and instructor of each course ☐ Be sure your total units add up to 42
Thesis Summary:	The Thesis Summary is a short but detailed summary of your Thesis Project. By reading this summary, the committee should have a solid sense of what you have created without having to read the full book. The summary should include what the project was about, why the project was created, and what methods you used to fulfill the intent of the project. The summary should be approximately 150 words. Area of emphasis Reason for choosing the subject matter Reason for creating the project Subject matter
Thesis Project:	The Thesis Project Final Report is the focal point of the Thesis Book. In this section of the document, you will relay the details of your completed project to the Panel. You will want to address the following in an articulate and well thought-out manner: Define your Thesis Project in detail (what, why, how) Describe your personal interest and involvement with the project



	Describe Background information on your topic and how you came about choosing this project
	Describe any challenges you encountered with the project and how these challenges were overcome
	□ Describe how the project evolved from the Midpoint Review □ Include the link to you Directed Study Journal(s) for the Committee to Review □ Describe what you feel you have learned from the project & your methods of working □ Include the following: □ Mission Statement □ Content Strategy □ Presentation (Visual and Editorial) □ Multimedia (If applicable) □ Readership/Target Audience The Thesis Project Final Report is the most involved portion of your Thesis Book, and must describe all of the information that you feel the Review Panel should know about the development and completion of your Thesis Project. There is no specified length for the Thesis Project Final Report. Though it is always a good idea to be concise in your wording, this section should be as long as it needs to be to clearly and thoroughly articulate your
	ideas. Avoid being redundant and do not cut and paste sentences from your abstract.
Remaining portfolio items	 In addition to Thesis Project, please include the following □ Concept Magazine PDF from FSH 626 course or <i>Issuu</i> link of the PDF □ Concept Magazine Website produced on <i>Weebly</i> from FSH 626 course Your website/blog with publishable quality stories produced in FSH 617, FSH 627, FSH 619
Statement of	The Statement of Future Plans should identify the following:
Future Plans:	 Identify the next steps you will be taking with your Thesis Project. Will you be continuing with the project? Identify your professional goals, including what steps you have taken toward meeting these goals.

ORAL PRESENTATION CHECKLIST

General Oral Presentation Guidelines:

The oral presentation is a summation of the research process and conceptual solution of the Final Thesis Project. Original work must be shown but may be accompanied by slides or other visual materials.

- **RECAP:** Recap your written, but do NOT read your paper verbatim.
- **PowerPoint:** A PowerPoint presentation, accompanying your oral proposal, is required. Online students must also upload their PowerPoint files to the Final Review presentation room two (2) weeks in advance of their presentation.
- Q&A: Plan to answer questions and defend your work at the end of your presentation.
- **PRACTICE**: Practice your oral presentation in advance of your review to insure your comfort level during the presentation.

This is a formal presentation to the committee of your body of work - the Final Thesis Project as proposed by you at Midpoint Review. Summarize and show that you have a thorough understanding of your financial strategy and plan.

- You must present the fully developed content as proposed at your Midpoint Review.
- All work presented, should be created after successfully passing the Midpoint Review.
- The project presentation must exemplify your highest level of technical proficiency.

FINAL REVIEW POWERPOINT CHECKLIST

PowerPoint Checklist:	Your PowerPoint should include the following slides: ☐ Introduction Slide ☐ Background Slide(s) ☐ Thesis Project Slides ☐ Closing Slide
Introduction Slide:	The introduction/title slide must include the following items: Your name Student ID Number Department Name Project Title Date of the presentation
Background Slide(s):	The choice of what to include in your background slides is individual and personal, that said here are some general rules: ☐ Only include background that are relevant to describing how you have arrived at your current work ☐ Ensure the background information is a minor section of your presentation
Thesis Project Slides:	Your Thesis slides should be original, not a copy from your book. Include the following in your PowerPoint Presentation in bullet point: No more than 20 slides with 30 minutes of content Resume Academic Record Sample clips of previous work done in Journalism program Your actual presentation work: Website: Show features of site and explanations of how they work and fit together. Print: If print/feature stories and/or styling examples, show samples of work, attractively presented, with explanation of what they're about, the research and preparation that went into them and how they achieved the project's editorial goals. Media: Show presentation works via links to YouTube, Vimeo or other website. NOTE: It is best to keep your written text in bullet-point format or very short sentences in the PowerPoint presentation. You don't want the Review Panel to have to read a lot of written information and listen to your oral presentation simultaneously.
Closing Slide:	This slide should clearly indicate that you are finished with your presentation. You may choose to include the following: Your Name Your Project Title A Thank you

6. PREPARATION TIMELINE

	Read Fashion Journalism specific Final Review Handbook	
3 to 4 months before your review	Watch the Final Review Orientation	
	Review your Midpoint Thesis Book and review committee comments. Identify whether you have made changes to the project that may require approval from the Department Director prior to your Final Review	
2 to 3 months before your review	Check graduate website for Final Review sign-up schedule	
6 wooks before your	Prepare your thesis book	
6 weeks before your review	Work with an editor or contact <u>ARC</u> to make sure your thesis book is grammatically correct and typo-free.	
	Create your PowerPoint/PDF slide show	
1 month before your review	Organize and create notes for your oral presentation	
	Work with a friend, colleague or ARC on your oral presentation	
	Practice your oral presentation out loud and with a timer	
3 weeks before your review	Review the online-specific requirements and test all of your equipment	
	Email your PowerPoint or PDF presentation to Online Graduate School	
	On-campus students verify your equipment works prior to your actual presentation date	
2 weeks before your	Upload your PDF of your portfolio and thesis book to your home page	
review	Send your PowerPoint presentation to Online Graduate School via email	
	Meet online with your Online Graduate Department Learning Coordinator to review your presentation room setup and use	
1 week before your	Plan your attire, dress professionally	
review	Practice your presentation in front of a live audience	

Tips for the day of your review	Get plenty of rest the night before
	If you will be using a cellphone, make sure the battery is charged
	Have a glass of water available during your presentation
	Arrive at your Final Review on time and ready to go
	Greet your committee members prior to beginning your presentation
	Listen to the committee's advice and take notes
	Maintain professionalism during the entire review
Following your review	View your Final Review results <u>here</u>

7. FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When can I schedule my Final Review?	Once you have completed your eligibility requirements and have petitioned to graduate, contact the Final Review Coordinator via email at FinalReview@academyart.edu to be added to the presentation list. You must be in contact with the Coordinator no later than the first few days of the semester you wish to present.
How many pages should the thesis book be?	There is no specified length for the completed written proposal. There are some sections that have limitation of length, but the main part of your proposal does not have a limit. The written proposal should be thorough in describing all aspects of your project, but you also want to think about how you can be concise and avoid redundancy of information in the content.
If I'm an online student, do I need to send in physical samples of my class work?	Not necessary.
Can we include work we've done outside of the Academy? Work not executed at the Academy of Art University should not constitute of the Academy?	
Can I use fancy text, borders and custom backgrounds for my PowerPoint presentation?	We would recommend against it. Simple, easy to read and easy to see content is best.

8. IMPORTANT LINKS

Graduate Student Homepage	http://www.academyart.edu/students/my-academy/academic-resources/graduate-student-academic-resources
Academy Resource Center (ARC)	http://www.academyart.edu/students/my-academy/academy-resource-center Your resource for proofreading, ESL assistance, Final Review, Writing Lab.
Accessing Your Review Results	http://gradshowcase.academyart.edu/content/dam/Grad%20Showcase/home_p age/pdf/ReviewResults.pdf
Online Chat Schedules & Recordings	Chat Schedule: http://online.academyart.edu/innovative-learning/chats.html
	Graduate Chats: http://gradshowcase.academyart.edu/graduate-chats.html
	Twitter: @aauchats
Department Specific Websites	https://www.academyart.edu/academics/fashion
	http://online.academyart.edu/schools/fashion
Graduate School Calendar	http://www.academyart.edu/students/my-academy/academic-resources/graduate-student-academic-resources
Graduate Review Showcase	http://gradshowcase.academyart.edu/ Here you will find a link to the Final Review Orientation, and links to the Final Review Guidelines and Handbooks.
Fashion Journalism Review Showcase Page	http://gradshowcase.academyart.edu/schools/fashion-journalism.html
Online Connection Through Mobile Devices	http://www.adobe.com/products/adobeconnect/feature-details/adobeconnectmobile.html Application required for using the Adobe Connect Meetings from your mobile device.
Online Presentation Do's & Don'ts	http://gradshowcase.academyart.edu/ Look under Additional Presentation Tools
Online Technical Requirements	http://gradshowcase.academyart.edu/Look under Resources → Technical Resources → Online technical requirements

Technology Trouble Shooting	To participate in the web conference, you need to make sure that your computer has the latest versions of the Flash and Shockwave plugins and can run the webcasting software. To check this, please click on this link: http://arcps.adobeconnect.com/common/help/en/support/meeting_test.htm
Uploading Review Content	http://gradshowcase.academyart.edu/content/dam/Grad%20Showcase/home_p age/pdf/Uploading_Review_Content_WI15.pdf
Photographing & Submitting Artwork	http://media.academyart.edu/howto/index.html http://howto.academyart.edu/submitting-artwork

9. ONLINE PRESENTATION DETAILS

A. Scheduling a Meeting with an Online Graduate Review Coordinator

Academy of Art University's Online Graduate Review process provides a means for Academy students to present their project proposals via the Academy's online meeting environment. An Online Graduate Review Coordinator will contact you after your review has been scheduled to test your computer, internet connection, web-camera, and telephone. The Online Graduate Review Coordinator will also show you how the online review process works and how to upload and use your slideshow during your oral presentation. Students presenting online are required to have their equipment and any required presentation materials ready to upload and test at least two weeks prior to the presentation date (1 week for the Summer Semester).

B. Online Presentation Guidelines

You are required to provide a PowerPoint or PDF presentation with visual and written information that will go along with your oral presentation. Be sure to follow your department guidelines, as some departments have different requirements. You can also find a checklist below with details on what to include in your presentation.

Font: Use an easily readable font (some fonts do not load correctly in Adobe Connect for PPT files).

Use a font size and color that is clear to read.

Images: Images need to be in JPEG format and optimized for web viewing. Review your department

requirements for labeling and titling your images.

Credit: When including art made by other artists, credit the artist.

Content: It is best to keep the text in bullet point format or very short clear sentences instead of written

paragraphs. References, copyright information, and technical notes may be included at the end

of the presentation.

Please refer to the links below for technical requirements:

Online Technical Requirements
Adobe Connect Diagnostic Test

Online Graduate Review Contact Information

Email: onlinegradreview@academyart.edu

Phone: (415) 618-3614

10. CONTACT INFORMATION

Final Review Coordinator: <u>finalreview@academyart.edu</u>

(415) 618-6390

Contact for Online Students: onlinegradreview@academyart.edu

(415) 618-3614

Department Contact(s): Paul Wilner

MA Coordinator for Fashion Journalism

School of Fashion Journalism

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NOTE: Please obtain a tracking number or return receipt of

delivery for your shipments.