Required Elements of a Thesis Proposal

*Brief literature review:*The introduction should include a brief literature review sufficient to demonstrate that the proposal is grounded in the literature.  This review need not be complete, but should demonstrate that enough background has been explored to suggest or support the hypotheses proposed.  The introduction will end with the hypotheses and rationale for the hypotheses.

*Proposed Method*:  The method section should include information about the anticipated number of participants, operationalization of key variables, procedures, and materials.

*Predicted results*:  The results section should articulate the pattern of results that the student is predicting and should also include the statistical tests the student intends to use.

*Discussion*:  The discussion section should outline the interpretation of predicted results in the context of the reviewed literature, anticipated conclusions, and consideration of alternative explanations/anticipation of limitations.

*References*:  The reference section should be formatted in APA-style.

*Appendices*:  Surveys, testing materials etc.

All thesis proposals must be written following the current edition of the APA style manual.