

Project Management for Graduate Students

Why Project Management Matters

- Ensures successful thesis completion
- Reduces stress and improves time management
- Helps communicate progress effectively with your committee
- Builds transferable skills for your career

Thesis Lifecycle

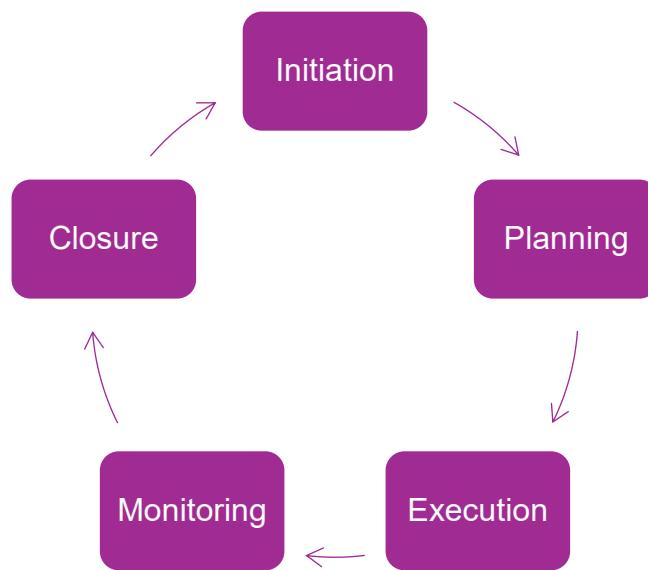
Initiation: defining your research question, completing a preliminary literature review, drafting proposal

Planning: develop methodology, create thesis timeline, apply for ethics (if applicable)

Execution: collect data or sources, analyze materials, write chapters

Monitoring: track progress, adjust timeline if necessary

Closure: finalize writing, submit thesis, prepare for defense



**You might find that you are completing several of these steps in tandem with one another depending on the structure of your thesis.

Tools for Project Management

- [Goblin Tools](#) – an AI tool that can help you break down tasks and can provide you with estimated timelines
- Gantt Charts – visual tracking of tasks and overview of key milestones
- Notion – uses databases as well as trackers to monitor progress
- MS Planner – Kaban board style project management system