

Policy Regarding Late Senior Theses

Social Studies does not like to impose penalties, and we hope that the policy spelled out here will not have to be applied to any senior. Nevertheless, for the record, this sheet describes the Social Studies policy on late senior theses. This policy is in line with the penalty policies of other social science concentrations.

The deadline for your thesis is 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11th, 2015. Essays submitted after that time will be penalized severely. The grades for a thesis are *summa*, *magna*, *cum*, or non-honors. A thesis that is borderline between two grades will fall to the lower grade if the thesis is submitted on Thursday, March 12th. A thesis turned in on Friday, March 13th will invariably be penalized a full grade. Penalties accumulate such that a thesis submitted on or after Wednesday, March 18th (a week or more late), will fail to receive honors.

Penalties will be waived exclusively in cases of medical illness or grave family emergency; students should consult with Anya Bassett, the Director of Studies, in that event. Crashed computers and slow printers are not considered valid causes for extensions. You should plan to have the first draft of your essay finished by the middle of February to allow three weeks for revisions and a final week for proofreading and printing.