Week	Dates	Activity
1	August 20-24	Develop topic with mentor based on research and reading.
2	August 27-31	Develop topic with mentor based on research and reading. Identify possible third readers.
3	September 3-7	Identify primary sources/data. Begin developing thesis prospectus in consultation with mentor.
4	September 10-14	Continue developing thesis prospectus. Notify Croft of name of third reader by Monday, September 10.
5	September 17-21	Continue writing thesis prospectus.
6	September 24- 28	Submit prospectus to mentor, third reader, and Croft Institute by Monday, September 24. Readers provide feedback on prospectus by Monday, October 1.
7	October 1-5	Revise thesis prospectus based on feedback from readers. Mentor Report #1 due Friday, October 5
8	October 8-12	Submit revised prospectus to mentor, third reader, and Croft Institute by Monday, October 8. Prepare thesis writer's conference presentation.
9	October 15-19	Thesis Writers' Conference from Monday, October 15, to Friday, October 19 .
10	October 22-26	Establish concrete work plan for the rest of the semester in consultation with mentor.
11	October 29-November 2	Analyze primary sources/data; continue research and writing.
12	November 5-9	Analyze primary sources/data; continue research and writing.
13	November 12-16	Analyze primary sources/data; continue research and writing.
14	November 19-23	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS
15	November 26-30	Submit preliminary research product to mentor by Friday, November 30.
16	December 3-7	Finals Week. Grade for Inst 421 assigned. Mentor Report #2 due by Friday, December 7.

Summer before beginning Inst 421: Contact mentor and do preliminary research