# Penn Anthropology Senior Thesis Submission Guide

The senior thesis submission requires the following 4 components, all of which must be submitted by the department deadline:

### 1. iThenticate Similarity Report

When your senior thesis is complete, you must process it through the iThenticate software offered through Penn Libraries, then share your iThenticate Similarity Report with the undergraduate coordinator. Depending on your results, you may need to make edits to your thesis and/or consult your advisors.

See pages 2-13 for full instructions.

#### 2. Paper Copy

After you have analyzed your paper in iThenticate, you must print one paper copy of your thesis for the department. The thesis should be printed single-sided on  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x 11" paper and should not be bound, stapled, or hole punched. Hand in this copy to the undergraduate coordinator.

# 3. Digital Copy

After you have analyzed your paper in iThenticate, you must upload a digital copy of your thesis to ScholarlyCommons. This digital copy will later be published to ScholarlyCommons if you grant permission on the Author Agreement form. If you do not grant permission to publish your thesis, it will be stored privately. You must upload a digital copy to ScholarlyCommons regardless of which permissions option you choose.

See pages 14-16 for full instructions.

### 4. Author Agreement

You and your advisor must complete the Author Agreement on page 17. Open this file in Adobe Acrobat Reader DC, which you can <u>download free online</u>. Indicate your chosen permission option by checking the appropriate box, then type your name and the date below. In the signature field, typing your name again serves as your signature. Next, save your edited copy of the Author Agreement on page 17 as a PDF, and email it to your advisor. Your advisor must complete the bottom portion by typing their name twice, then save and email it to the undergraduate coordinator from their Penn email address.

# Using iThenticate for Penn Anthropology Senior Thesis Submission

#### Step 1: Obtain an iThenticate Account

Request an account by writing to the Courseware Support Team at <u>canvas@pobox.upenn.edu</u> from your Penn email address. Indicate that you will be using iThenticate on your Senior Thesis for the Department of Anthropology.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** iThenticate is a paid service that is licensed by Penn Libraries. As a Penn student, you should not be prompted to pay to use iThenticate. If you are, contact <u>canvas@pobox.upenn.edu</u> for further assistance. Do NOT submit any payment to iThenticate independently. You cannot be reimbursed if you do so.

#### Step 2: Access iThenticate

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When your account has been created, you will receive a message to your Penn email address with a temporary password. Follow the link in the email (or go to <u>www.ithenticate.com</u>) to login with your Penn email address and temporary password. You will be prompted to choose a new password.

#### Step 3: Create a New Folder



Once you have landed on the iThenticate home screen, click "New Folder." On the next screen, name your folder "Senior Thesis." Leave the other settings at the default, then click "Create."



To upload your document to this new folder, click "Upload a File" on the upper right (in the "Submit a Document" sidebar), and browse to find your file.



On the next page, select "Generate Report Only." (If you were part of a research group you might be storing several documents for comparison.)

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Click the "Choose File" button to select your paper. The file requirements are listed on the sidebar on the right side.

Click "Upload."



You will be redirected to the Senior Thesis folder where you will now see your document appear. After the file is saved and processed, the similarity score will appear in the Report column.

#### Step 5: View the Similarity Report

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In order to create a more accurate report, you can experiment with changing the settings by clicking on the "Settings" tab at the top of the Senior Thesis folder. The settings will let you ignore the sources in your bibliographic references and/or ignore quotes (text within quotation marks, text in block quotes, etc.) Any settings changed will affect all documents within the folder.

You may want to "Exclude Phrases" (for example, a string of important terms, the title of another work that you repeat often, etc.) To specify which phrases should be excluded, click the "Phrase Exclusions" tab, then click "Add a new phrase."



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You may exclude the bibliography and quotes in your report to focus on your text. Each quoted passage must have a bibliographic citation, whether or you choose to exclude them in your similarity report.

#### Step 7: Report Options



When viewing the similarity report in the Document Viewer, click "Text-Only Report" in the lower right corner. This will bring you to a page where you can select report options.



The "Mode" drop-down menu button (upper left corner) allows you to choose different comparison reports:

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#### **Step 8: Interpret Your Reports**

Use and understand your report(s) to make informed changes in your paper, if appropriate, to eliminate problems. Check the largest matches first, and make sure you have cited all the sources. Remember that **plagiarism** includes both copied phrases and copied strings of words and ideas, even if you have changed or added words (**mosaic plagiarism**). Any such use of the work of others is problematic. If you see a source listed that is NOT in your bibliography at all, you must assess the match by checking the source carefully. The database used is so large that not every match reflects a use of a source.

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#### **Example of a Real Match**



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appeared. We did cite the original paper, but it's pretty close. If we hadn't been (some of) the authors of the original paper, it would have been **too** close. If we hadn't cited the original paper, it would have been a serious case of plagiarism.

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#### **Examples of Irrelevant Matches**



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In submitting your thesis, you can ignore such chance matches, but you must first assess them.

#### Step 9: Share Your Report (Required for Thesis Submission)

You will need to share your report in two ways.

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#### 2. Share the File in iThenticate

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In addition, you will share your file with the undergraduate coordinator within iThenticate. Click the Sharing tab on the Senior Thesis folder. Note that this will share all files contained within this folder. If you have uploaded multiple revisions of your paper, make sure you remove all but the final version.



You'll get a list of all UPenn accounts by owner. Find the undergraduate coordinator's name (note: the list is alphabetized by *first* name!) Click the "Update Sharing" button at the bottom of the list, and you have completed your submission.

For more documentation about iThenticate, see http://www.ithenticate.com/training-academic.

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