

Expectations Agreement

Student Name: _____ Student email: _____

Supervisor Name: _____ Supervisor email: _____

The purpose of this document is to ensure that students and supervisors in the thesis course have arrived at a clear set of expectations with respect to:

1. reading, research/lab activities, thesis writing, and any other tasks identified by the supervisor as required for thesis completion;
2. key timelines for the above activities;
3. weighting of the above activities in the thesis grade.

Students and supervisors should work together to complete this document in the first month of the fall term. **The sum of all weightings should total 100%.** Note that these weightings will apply to the grade assigned by the supervisor following thesis submission, worth either 80% or 90% of the overall course grade (the remaining weight is split between the mid-course evaluation (10%) and the poster presentation (10%; optional for students in PNB 4D06)). The completed form must be uploaded to Avenue to Learn by the student by Friday, September 29th, 2023.

Research Question

Research/Lab Activities Describe the expectations for research/lab activities. Activities may include research design, task/stimulus construction, wet-lab skill development, data collection, and data analysis.	Deadlines Identify any key timelines related to lab activities. For example, should a certain skill be acquired by the end of Fall Term?	Category Weight

Reading Activities Describe the expectations for required reading. For example, how much reading is expected? Are readings assigned by the supervisor or is the student required to identify relevant readings on their own?	Deadlines For example, is there a reading schedule to be followed? Will there be a separate evaluation of required reading, such as a lab presentation, or will evaluation of reading depend solely on the quality of the written thesis?	Category Weight

Thesis Writing Describe the expectations for thesis writing. For example, how many drafts of each section are expected, and who will provide feedback on those drafts? When should each section of the thesis be written?	Deadlines	Category Weight

Other Thesis Activities Describe the expectations for other thesis activities. For example, are there regular meetings to attend? Are you expected to submit a poster draft, and who will provide feedback on that poster?	Deadlines	Category Weight

Student Signature

Date (DD/MM/YYYY)



Supervisor Signature

Date (DD/MM/YYYY)