# Admin

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**Overall**

- Ryan: "I recommend another pass through the thesis, with an eye toward smooth writing and style. I appreciate short, declarative sentences, but this tone is quite clipped"
- Go through pdf and search for .0, .1, .2 (i.e. missing leading zeros)
- Fill in acknowledgements
- Try to manually (directly in the .tex file) fix any big page gaps
- Go through Jeff's email (in /defense) and make sure I understand the mechanism behind the OP model (and why it's sound)
- Perhaps increase size of hlines below long table captions

**Defense**

- 15-20 high-level slides
- Structure: Here is the big question, here is what I did, here is what I found
- Structure for each chapter: Here is something interesting, here is something we don't already know, here is how I approached it, here is what I found, here is what I learned
- Words in the main slides, everything else afterwards
- Subsets of tables, not whole tables (these are the key variables that I have selected because ...)
- Nothing on the background of maths (notation on experiments, multiple imputation etc.)
- Ordered probit on a slide in reserve
- Non-technical stuff on the top level, be ready for the technical stuff for the questions
- Potential question areas:
  - "Why is this important?"
  - "Why is this new approach to blocking important?"
  - "Why is attention to ordinal variables in surveys/survey experiments important?"
  - Be prepared for these kinds of 'higher' questions
  - Big picture survey ideas (Mike)
  - Statistical inference processes (Betty)
  - Framing (Liz)
  - How would this work in the context of this and that research design, in a different (abstract) context (Ryan)