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## The drexel-thesis class\*

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## 1 Introduction

This package defines a LATEX thesis class for Drexel University conforming to the Drexel University Thesis Manual version 2009/06/01.

## 2 Usage

To write a thesis, you load the Drexel thesis definitions by loading the drexelthesis class at the beginning of your LATEX document with the \documentclass command. For example, drexel-thesis

For LyX users, we include a LyX template (drexel-thesis.layout, originally by John K. Parejko) so that the previews generated in LyX are similar to those generated by the actual drexel-thesis class.

### 2.1 Options

options final draft

The default option (selected if not options are passed) is final mode, which has all the proper formatting and spacing for your final product. The other main option is draft mode, which reduces all the spacing in the document, so might be helpful when printing out drafts (saves paper).

final mode corresponds to (with Thesis Manual chapter and verse)

oneside 1.5 Library Submission Information, Print Version: "All copies

must be: ... Typed/printed on only one side of the page (not

double-sided)."

finalspace Assorted single, double, and triple spacing directives.

pagebreak Conform to thesis pagebreak rules.

dottedtoc From the example on p17.

nodraftwatermark Clear any earlier watermark options.

<sup>\*</sup>This document corresponds to drexel-thesis 0.15, dated 2013/05/21.

draft mode corresponds to

twoside Save space.
draftspace Save space.
nopagebreak Save space.

dottedtoc Might as well be consistent with final.

xdraftwatermark It's good to have a timestamp.

option
subfig

subfig makes it easy to include and caption multi-part figures. However, getting subfig to cooperate with floatrow and tocloft can be tricky. If you want to use subfig, just pass the subfig option to drexel-thesis, and all the pesky details will be taken care of. See §?? for an example.

 $option \\ final space \\ option \\ draft space \\ option$ 

pagebreak

nopagebreak

option

options

boldtoc

dottedtoc

dottedpart

dottedchapter boldchapter

draftwatermark

xdraftwatermark

nodraftwatermark

boldpart

option

option

option

option

option

option indentfirst

option

approvalform

indenttoc

blackref

Loosen spacing.
Tighten spacing.

Break pages between chapters and chapter-like blocks.

Don't break pages between chapters and chapter-like blocks (saves paper).

These options change how the relevant table of contents lines are printed. LaTeX defaults to bold but not dots. The \*toc options set all of the types. For example, boldtoc is equivalent to boldchapter, boldpart.

The example table of contents in the Manual p17 does not indent section entries, etc., so neither does drexel-thesis. If you do want pretty, indented TOCs, like the LATEX defaults pass indenttoc to drexel-thesis.

blackref colors all hyperref links black, so they won't stand out in your printed document.

draftwatermark adds "DRAFT  $\langle date \rangle$ " watermarks to each page. A useful way to remember that the version you're looking at is not final. Also helps reviewers tell you what version they're correcting. Requires the draftmark package, which allows you to override the default watermark style if it is not to your liking (§ ??).

xdraftwatermark is also similar to draftwatermark but depends on the possibly more common xcolor, eso-pic, and graphicx.

nodraftwatermark clears any earlier watermark options. For example [draft,nodraftwatermark]drexelthesis will format your thesis in draft mode but without a watermark. On the other hand, [draftmark,final]drexel-thesis will also format your thesis without a watermark, because final sets nodraftwatermark internally.

indentfirst indents the first paragraph after sections etc.

approvalform includes a copy of the T-1 approval form as the first page of your thesis/dissertation. This form is bound to the front of every thesis/dissertation by the library. The version that is generated by this option is typeset in LATEX with the same margins, fonts, etc. as the rest of your document. The title of your dissertation and your name are automatically entered.

daring breaks the official thesis rules in pursuit of a nicer layout.

option daring

## 2.1.1 Interesting book options

option
oneside
option
twoside
option
leano

Setup output for one-sided printing.

Setup output for two-sided printing.

lequo places the numbering of formulae on the left hand side instead of the right.

 $\begin{array}{c} option \\ \texttt{fleqn} \end{array}$ 

fleqn typesets displayed formulae left-aligned instead of centered.

#### 2.2 Macros

To help deal with name collisions, all drexel-thesis macros have "secret" aliases. For example, \author can also be used as \DUTauthor. This is useful if one of your packages clobbers a drexel-thesis macro, but you still want to use the original. drexel-thesis Your Name Here ...

\author \DUTauthor '\author{ $\langle name \rangle$ }' Use this macro to set your full name to  $\langle name \rangle$ , including your middle initial or name. For example Richard P. Feynman See the Manual §3.1 p8.

\title \DUTtitle \advisor '\title{ $\langle title \rangle$ }' Use this macro to set your thesis title to  $\langle name \rangle$ . For example See the Manual p16.

\advisor \DUTadvisor

'\advisor $\{\langle name \rangle\}$ ' Use this macro to set your advisor's name to  $\langle name \rangle$ . For example John A. Wheeler, Ph.D. You can set multiple advisors, if appropriate, by calling \advisor multiple times. John A. Wheeler, Ph.D. Advisor 2 See the Manual §3.1 p8.

\DUTmonth \DUTyear

'\DUTmonth{\langle month}\rangle '\DUTyear{\langle year}\rangle' Use these macros to set the month with  $\langle month \rangle$  (spelled out) and year with  $\langle year \rangle$  (four digits) of your thesis defense. For example June 1942 See the Manual §3.1 p8. There are no non-DUT versions of these commands to avoid collisions with the plain TEX \month and \year (see the month and year entries in the HTML version of David Bausum's TeX Reference Manual).

\degree \DUTdegree '\degree{ $\langle degree \rangle$ }' Set your target degree with  $\langle degree \rangle$ . From the Manual §3.1 p8.

Write out the name of the degree for which you are a candidate. All Ph.D. candidates must use Doctor of Philosophy. All Master's degree candidates should use the precise degree name (e.g., Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering).

So, for a Ph.D candidate, Doctor of Philosophy

\copyrighttext \DUTcopyrighttext

'\copyrighttext{ $\langle text \rangle$ }' Use this macro to set the copyright text to  $\langle text \rangle$ . The default value is "All Rights Reserved.". Released to the Public Domain. See the Manual §3.2 p9.

\copyrighttextCCBYSA \DUTcopyrighttextCCBYSA

'\copyrighttextCCBYSA' There are a number of predefined copyright messages for ease of use

 $\verb|\table of contents| \\ \verb|\DUTtable of contents| \\$ 

\copyrighttextCCBYSA Creative Commons Attribution-ShareAlike License Version 3.0. '\tableofcontents' Write the table of contents (Manual §3.5 p9). You can control the verbosity by setting \tocdepth according to the following table (source).

Depth in document	Section Command	Depth for \secnumdepth Command
-1	\part	1
0	\chapter	2
1	\section	3
2	\subsection	4
3	\subsubsection	5
4	\paragraph	6
5	\subparagraph	7

For example, to expose everything down to and including the \subsection level, you would add to your preamble (the section before \begin{document}, not the preamble environment discussed below).

Note that the Manual §3.5 p9 requires "List chapter titles and at least the first and second order subdivisions.", which corresponds to a \tocdepth of at least 2.

'\listoftables' Write the List of Tables page (Manual §3.6 p10). Skip if you have no tables in your thesis.

'\listoffigures' Write the List of Figures page (Manual §3.7 p10). Skip if you have no figures in your thesis.

'\blanklines  $\{\langle num \rangle\}$ ' Insert  $\langle num \rangle$  blank lines. For example 2 The skipped lines are always *single spaced* lines, regardless of the current line spacing in the environment calling this macro.

'\iffinal{ $\langle final-mode-action \rangle$ }{ $\langle draft-mode-action \rangle$ }' Include final- or draft-specific code. We're in finaldraft mode!

'\ifdraftwatermark{ $\langle draftwatermark-mode-action \rangle$ }{ $\langle other-action \rangle$ }' Include draftwatermark-specific code (e.g. \draftmarksetup, § ??).. We arearen't in draftwatermark mode!

'\ifdaring{ $\langle daring\text{-}action \rangle$ }{ $\langle wimpy\text{-}action \rangle$ }' Include daring-specific code, with wimpy fallbacks. Muahahahal!mumble mumble.

'\drexellogobw' Draws a black-and-white official vector Drexel logo. The image is exactly 1 inch wide and 1.016 inches tall. This is accomplished using the tikz package (§ ??). You can enclose this command in a \scalebox to alter its size.

#### 2.3 Environments

To help deal with name collisions, all drexel-thesis environments have "secret" aliases. For example, preamble can also be used as DUTpreamble. This is useful if one of your packages clobbers a drexel-thesis environment, but you still want to use the original. drexel-thesis Thwarted again, evil one! ...

Generalize the \frontmatter for the thesis, setting up page numbering, including the title page, copyright page etc. The preamble environment should contain the following elements (in order, see the Manual p8)

- dedication environment (optional)
- acknowledgments environment (optional)
- \tableofcontents

\listoftables
\DUTlistoftables
\listoffigures
\DUTlistoffigures
\blanklines
\DUTblanklines

\iffinal
\DUTiffinal
\ifdraftwatermark
\DUTifdraftwatermark

\ifdaring \DUTifdaring \drexellogobw

preamble DUTpreamble

- \listoftables
- \listoffigures
- abstract environment

This will take care of everything from the title page (Manual §3.1), up through the blank page before the text (Manual §3.9).

## dedications DUTdedications

Set the dedications text. Highlights from the Manual §3.3 p9:

The Dedications page is optional.

# acknowledgments DUTacknowledgments

Set the acknowledgments text. Highlights from the Manual §3.4 p9:

The Acknowledgments page is optional, but most theses do include a brief statement of thanks or recognition of any special assistance.

#### abstract DUTabstract

Set the thesis abstract text. In the Thesis Manual, see §3.8 Abstract (p10) for details, p20 for an example.

Highlights from the Manual:

The abstract is a summary that allows readers to determine the value of reading the full thesis. It should include a statement of the problem, an outline of procedures or methods, and a summary of results and conclusions.

• Word limits: 600 for a Master's thesis, 350 for a Ph.D. thesis.

#### thesis DUTthesis

Set the thesis text. In the Thesis Manual, see §3.10 Thesis (p11) for details. Highlights from the Manual:

Divide the text into its major parts/chapters/subsections. No fixed arrangement is necessary. The major parts may contain such subjects as introduction, general argument, description of experimental procedures, research methods, discussion, summary, conclusions, recommendations, and other pertinent topics that are necessary for a complete understanding on the part of a sophisticated or professional reader.

#### vita DUTvita

Set the thesis vita text (Ph.D. only). See the Manual  $\S 3.15$  p12, "Vita", for details.

Highlights from the Manual:

The Vita is a biography of the student written in the third person in either essay or outline form. It should include the full name, place and date of birth (optional), country of citizenship (optional), institutions attended, degrees and honors received, titles of publications, teaching and professional experience, and other pertinent data. The Vita must be one page or less.

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#### 2.4 Hints

#### 2.4.1 Package installation

All the packages this class depends on must be installed somewhere in your texmf tree (they probably already are). If not, you will recieve warning messages on compilation such as ! LaTeX Error: File 'missing-package.sty' not found. You should then install the missing package(s) using your operating systems package manager, or grab the missing package from CTAN, and install them following TODO.

#### 2.4.2 Tables and Figures

drexel-thesis loads graphicx to define the \includegraphics macro, caption for pretty caption formatting, floatrow for placing captions, and hypcap for placing caption anchors.

Simple float definitions will look like or ... Some caption text For more useful float information, see the examples in §?? and the LATEX wikibook page.

#### 2.4.3 Citations

I highly recommend using BibTeX and natbib. See §?? for a simple example. Suggested options:

super selects citations in superscript mode.

sort&compress automatically sorts and compresses compound citations (\pcite{a,b,...}).

#### 2.4.4 References

Easier cross referencing with cleveref. Is a wonderful tool for easy, consistent crosslinking via \cref, \Cref, etc.. The manual is also very good. Note that if you use \parts in your document, you need to tell cleveref how to deal with them: cleveref partpartparts

#### 2.4.5 Hyperlinks

drexel-thesis loads hyperref. with the options:

colorlinks color the link letters instead of drawing colored boxes.

The default hyperref colors can be a bit jarring. Feel free to use blackref or override them yourself: xcolor See the hyperref manual (§3.4 Extension options) for a list of \*color options.

If running with a pdftex-based driver, \author, \title, and \degree automatically set pdfauthor, pdftitle, and pdfsubject respectively. You can use the \hypersetup macro to set options overriding these defaults.

## 2.4.6 Developing large LATEX documents

A thesis may take a while to compile, especially if it contains lots of images, etc.. One way to save time, is to use \includeonly when including chapter \*.tex files (see the TeX Wikibook). Usage would be something like drexel-thesis ... chapter2.tex,chapter3.tex ...

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