

Congratulations, you've made it to your senior year! Please read the computing tips below from CUS for making your senior year smooth, successful, and sane!

1) Backup your work!

That's why we're giving you this USB thumbdrive:) Don't rely on just one copy--keep multiple backups of your important academic work (especially your thesis). Save files to your Home server in AFS, email files to yourself, burn stuff to a CD/DVD, buy an external hard drive, etc. See more backup tips on our website:

http://reed.edu/cis/help/backup.html

2) Use the thesis templates provided on this USB thumbdrive!

There are two versions--one for Microsoft Word and another for LaTeX. Both are formatted to meet Library and Registrar requirements. Talk to your thesis advisor about which one to use (it could be a departmental requirement). Consult the Senior Handbook (also included) for deadlines and other requirements.

3) Start learning how to use the thesis templates ASAP (like now).

Even though the templates are formatted correctly, getting your information in there will be time consuming. Read through the instructions included in each template to learn more. CUS also holds weekly thesis formatting sessions. Find out when and where on our website:

http://reed.edu/cis/help/thesis/

4) Get additional thesis formatting help from CUS!

Stop by the Help Desk (first floor of ETC), email cus@reed.edu, call us at 503-777-7525, or chat with us on our website:

http://reed.edu/cis/help

Happy thesis-ing!