

Thesis Dossier One-Sheet

Required Components & Submission Guidelines. To pass Senior Thesis, you must submit a final Thesis Dossier.

1. The Summary (Abstract)

Length: Approx. 200 words (Single Paragraph) Goal: A snapshot of the entire project. Write a rough draft now; finalize it when the work is done.

- The Problem: Why did you do this? What issue/curiosity sparked the idea?
- The Process: How did you work? (Tools, research, making, prototyping).
- The Outcome: What did you actually create or discover?
- The Takeaway: Why does it matter? How does it fit into the bigger picture?

2. The Proposal

Length: Variable (Detailed) Goal: The roadmap. A detailed outline of your argument and plan.

- The Problem: Define the issue via three beats:
 - *Stasis*: What is the current norm?
 - *Destabilization*: Why is that norm wrong or insufficient?
 - *Consequences*: What is the cost of ignoring this?
- The Question: The core argument driving the project.
- The Plan: Your strategy for research, visual experiments, and material testing.
- The Deliverables: A list of the specific artifacts/publications you will make.
- Synthesis: How will you measure if your experiments were successful?

3. Annotated Bibliography

Goal: Your research library (Books, essays, films, podcasts, precedents). For every entry, write a short paragraph that covers:

- Summarize: What is the source?
- Assess: Is it reliable/biased?
- Reflect: (Most Important) Why is this relevant to *your* thesis? How are you using it?

4. Process Documentation

Goal: Visual evidence of your journey.

- Include documentation of prototypes, iterations, sketches, and systems.

5. The Colophon

Goal: The metadata/receipt of the book (Last Page).

- Credits: Design, Writing, Editing, Photography.
 - Specs: Typefaces used, Paper stock, Printing method/City/Date.
 - Acknowledgments: Thanks to critics, mentors, peers.
 - Mandatory Statement: You must include this exact sentence:
A thesis submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts in Communications Design at Pratt Institute, May 2026.
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Submission & Format

The Container You may design this as an E-Book or a Website.

The Archive (Mandatory) Regardless of your format, you must submit a static PDF.

- *If you built a website:* You must capture the site as a flat document.
 - Safari: [File > Export as PDF](#)
 - Chrome/Firefox: Use a plugin like *FireShot* to capture full-page vertical scrolls, then bind them into a single PDF.