

VERSION 2023-2024 and onwards

Master of Science in Human Rights and Data Science students who chose to complete a Professional Capstone Thesis should have already completed a 4 credits internship and the related assignment.

The purpose of the Professional Capstone Thesis is to give students a framework to summarize what they learned and observed at the internship, and to connect their future goals and endeavors with their internship and academic experience. If students run into difficulties completing a part of the Professional Capstone Thesis, they are encouraged to propose a creative or original solution when confronted with this challenge and to contact the graduate programs office (graduateprograms@aup.edu) and their assigned faculty reader for guidance.

Submission Deadline

The professional capstone thesis is due by the end of classes of the semester when it is registered.

As part of your internship assignment, you should already have completed:

1. A daily/weekly journal
2. A mid-point note
3. An Informational interview and information collection

Plagiarism: The thesis and all related documents may be inspired in part by the organization's corporate literature, but the bulk of the project must be the student's own. Students who draw heavily from other sources without proper citation will be subject to university disciplinary action.

AUP Library Resources: AUP students benefit from remote access to AUP library databases, but these databases are intended for non-profit educational use and are for the student's personal research only – NOT for research requested by the employer as part of the student's internship duties. Please contact the AUP Library for further clarification: library@aup.edu

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The work includes skilful use of resource materials, anecdotes or examples, and clear writing, and contains no grammatical or typographical errors.

B Good. The thesis demonstrates a complete and accurate understanding of the relationship between human rights and data science, and how it is applied in the organization's industry. The work presents a reasonable degree of insight and broad levels of analysis. The work reflects competence, but remains at a general or predictable level of understanding. Use of resource materials and examples is appropriate, and writing is clear.

C Adequate/Fair. The thesis demonstrates some understanding but remains superficial, incomplete, or expresses some significant errors or weaknesses. Human rights law or data science methods may be used inadequately or inappropriately, and arguments lack concrete, specific examples. Writing may appear vague, hard to follow, or loaded with typographical or other technical errors.

F Unsatisfactory. The thesis demonstrates a serious lack or error in understanding, and fails to express the most rudimentary aspects of human rights and data science. Sources may be used entirely inappropriately or not at all, and writing is seriously deficient. Or work not submitted by the deadline or indicates plagiarism.