

FOR STUDENTS: MA THESIS PAPER SUBMISSION GUIDE

STEP ONE: Logging In

1. Go to <https://knowledge.uchicago.edu/>
2. In the navigation menu at the top of the page, select **Submit**
3. From the list of “item types,” select **Thesis**
4. You will now be asked to log in — click on the button to use your **CNET ID**, do not use the boxes under “local account”



Start by choosing the item type you would like to submit
Descriptions of the item types are at the bottom of the page.

Article Event Paper, Poster or Presentation

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STEP TWO: Filling out the submission form

Note: Some fields may not apply to your individual submission. The form supports options like linking to information about a published version of theses and information about funding.

Below is a walkthrough of the fields you **must** (denoted by *) and **should** complete:

1. **Name:** Last name, First name.

Author & University/institution name *

Student, A. Good	University of Chicago
Identifier	Identifier Type

2. **University/Institution:** University of Chicago

3. **Division:** select “Social Sciences Division”

Division*
Select division.

Social Sciences Division X

4. **Department:** select your program from the list

- i. CIR Committee on International Relations
- ii. MAPSS Masters Program in the Social Sciences
- iii. MACSS Master of Arts in Computational Social Science

Department
Enter department affiliation.

MA Program in the Social Sciences (MAPSS) X

5. **Faculty Advisor:** Input your advisor’s name. Use the plus sign to add more than one individual.

Advisor*
Use plus sign to add more than one individual.

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6. **Committee Members:** Use this field to input the name of your Preceptor

Committee Members
Use plus sign to add more than one individual.

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7. **Title:** Title of your paper

Title*

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8. **Abstract:** Write a short description of your paper

Abstract*

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9. **Date:** Enter the Year and Month you will graduate using the YYYY-MM format (e.g. Spring Quarter 2021 would be 2021-06)

Date*
Publication refers to year and month of degree.
Use syntax yyyy-mm (ex. 2018-12).

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Keywords
Use the plus sign to add multiple keywords.

Degree Type*

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10. Keywords: Add several keywords to describe the main topics of your paper. You can add one name per entry box, and use the plus symbol to add more entry boxes.

11. Degree Type: Select “M.A.”

12. Creative Commons License or Copyright Statement:

This will make your intentions for your copyright clear to others. You have two options: applying a Creative Commons license to your work or declare a standard copyright. You should only fill out **one** of these two options.

See below for a more detailed explanation of each option.

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14. Generate a new DOI: Check this box. This will cause the system to produce a Digital Object Identifier (DOI) which acts as a permanent link to your thesis.

Note: there is a unique number at the bottom of this form. This is your “submission access number.” Make note of this number, as it can be used to continue an interrupted submission.

STEP THREE: Upload your paper

1. Click the **Add New File** Button

- i. **Choose a File:** Click **Choose File**, navigate to the location of your thesis on your computer, select it, and choose **Open**
- ii. **Name:** You may optionally choose to add a name for your file. Otherwise it will default to the file name you uploaded.
- iii. **Description:** You may add a short description. This is most useful if you need to upload multiple documents (e.g. a thesis and an accompanying dataset).
- iv. **Access:** You may choose to share your thesis publicly or limit it to campus-only access. See below for guidance on some factors to consider when making this choice.

v. Click **Upload** in order to attach this file to your submission.

2. Click the **Submit Button** to finish your submission

- i. If you have forgotten one of the required fields you will get a pop-up asking you to fill it out.
- ii. Once your submission is successful, you will be taken to a screen thanking you for submitting your work and giving you a URL link to your submission.
NOTE: Your paper will not be viewable to others until it has been reviewed by an administrator and approved. You will receive an email documenting your submission

Important Information to Consider: Copyright and Access Options

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