

# PNB Thesis Class

## **Instructor:**

Professor K. M. Murphy: Office - PC315

office hour: Thursday 1-2pm

make an appointment here (pls do not email):

<https://calendly.com/kmmuffy/office-hour/08-23-2018>

## **Lectures:**

PC155 - Tuesday 2:30-4:20 pm \*\*\*CHECK DATES BELOW\*\*\*

## **Teaching Assistants:**

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## **Course Outline:**

### **Class meetings:**

- Tues Sept 4 2:30-4:20 -- Introduction to your thesis
- Tues Sept 25 2:30-4:20 -- Getting started with your thesis research
- Tues Oct 16 2:30-4:20 -- Introduction to the 3MT presentation (*with special guest presenters! Matt Berry National 3MT Champion, Steve Mancini McMaster MSc 3MT Champion*)
- Tues Nov 20 2:30-4:20 -- Getting started writing your thesis
- Tues Feb 5 2:30-4:20 -- tba
- Tues Mar 12 2:30-4:20 -- Making a great poster

### **Your 3MT presentation:**

- Book **one** time slot from the 12 options below. (if you book multiple slots you'll lose all and be assigned a time slot)
  - Oct 30 - 2:30 or 3:30
  - Oct 31 - 2:30 or 3:30
  - Nov 6 - 2:30 or 3:30
  - Nov 7 - 2:30 or 3:30
  - Nov 13 - 2:30 or 3:30
  - Nov 14 - 2:30 or 3:30
- *Use this link to book (or cancel & rebook) your 3MT Presentation time slot*  
<https://calendly.com/kmmuffy/pnb-thesis-class-3mt-talks>
  - **DO NOT EMAIL THE PROFESSOR OR TAs ABOUT BOOKING YOUR 3MT**

### **Abstract due to your supervisor by Nov 27th.**

- Write an abstract for your thesis project (~250 words). Share it with your thesis supervisor by Nov 28th. Your thesis supervisor will submit a grade for your abstract on Dec 4th.

## **Introduction due to your supervisor by Jan 22.**

- Write an introduction for your thesis project. Be sure to plan and discuss this with your supervisor. Share your introduction with your thesis supervisor by Jan 22th. Your thesis supervisor will submit a grade for your introduction on Feb 5th.

## **Draft of written thesis due to supervisor Mar 19th.**

- Start writing your thesis early. Work with your supervisor on drafts of the thesis sections. Compile a complete draft to share with your supervisor by Mar 19th.

## **Thesis Poster presentation March 26th 1-4pm.**

## **Final written thesis due to your supervisor by April 2nd.**

- Write your thesis. Be sure to plan and discuss this with your supervisor. Share your final thesis with your thesis supervisor by Apr 2nd. Your thesis supervisor will submit a grade for your thesis on Apr 9th.

## **Evaluations:**

- 3MT presentation -- 5%
- Abstract -- 5%
- Introduction -- 5%
- Poster presentation -- 10%
- Thesis evaluation (lab and written work) -- 75%

90-100	A+
85-89	A
80-84	A-
77-79	B+
73-76	B
70-72	B-
67-69	C+
63-66	C
60-62	C-
57-59	D+
53-56	D
50-52	D-
0-49	F

- Final marks may be adjusted up or down, on an individual basis, in light of special circumstances and/or the student's overall performance in the course.

## **Academic Integrity:**

- Attention is drawn to <http://www.mcmaster.ca/policy/Students-AcademicStudies/AcademicIntegrity.pdf> for the university academic integrity policy.

## **Course Changes**

- If it becomes necessary to make changes to some part of the course during the term, reasonable notice and communication will be made with students in the class. The University reserves the right to change dates and/or deadlines etc. for any or all courses in the case of an emergency situation or labour disruption or civil unrest/disobedience, etc.