

Choosing a topic	Explore interests within your course	SMART analysis	<u>Specific:</u> Is your topic specific enough?	Proposal
	Ensure feasibility and relevance to your field		Conduct preliminary reading	
<u>Relevant:</u> Is your topic relevant to your studies?		<u>Timing:</u> Can you achieve this in the acquired time?		
				Outline objectives and expected outcomes
				If possible/needed include a literature review
				Outline your methodology

A Capstone Timeline

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Literature Review
Essentially - thorough overview and critical analysis of research already conducted.
Tools for conducting secondary research: NotebookLM Connectedpapers.com TCD stella library Mybib.com

Sorting the data	Have a place for all data to be stored such as OneNote, Notion, OneDrive, Excel.	Methodology and data collection	Create a theoretical framework	<u>Identify key concepts</u> Pick out the key terms from your problem statement and research questions and define what you mean by each term.
Categorise all your data in a way that works for you.	Be sure to back everything up!	The first decision is whether your data will be qualitative or quantitative.	<u>Evaluate and explain relevant theories</u> You can then establish the definitions that best fit your research and justify why.	<u>Show how your research fits into existing research</u> Your theoretical framework should show how your project will make use of these ideas and take them a step further.

Start writing
Categorise your data into sections of the capstone.
Use a visual aid to map out all your ideas to create a format for writing.
Have a designated page for all your own thought and ideas through the writing process that you can come back to.
Use your notes as a first draft

Receiving feedback	Submitting your capstone
If your supervisor is unable to read drafts you can consult with peers or those with knowledge of the subject.	Before submitting, revise for clarity, coherence, argumentation, formatting, citations
If you receiving feedback from your supervisor be sure to ask for clarity if you need to!	Don't over think it, submit it !



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