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This course has been mandated by a program change within the Department of History. It provides specific credit up to 10 hours for writing an M.A. thesis under the direction of the faculty advisor. This will parallel a new, 10 credit hour 800-level seminar requirement for those students choosing a non-thesis option.

As with History 787 (the Honors thesis) there is no syllabus for this course number. The elements of writing of each M.A. thesis will be under the direction of the advisor in a manner best befitting the individual thesis. A probable pattern would be the completion of one chapter for each 5 credit hours, although some theses might have only one substantive chapter, while others might have more than two. The new wording in the Department Graduate Handbook suggests a total length of 50-65 pages. The course will be graded pass/not pass.