SENIOR THESIS
ART 490.01
THESIS PAPER REQUIREMENTS:

Required Information:
*Title of Paper
*Thesis Statement—this should be clearly stated either by the end of either your 1st or 2nd paragraph
*Annotated Bibliography—This means writing a 3+ sentence summary of each book or essay on your bibliography
*Bibliography—minimum of 8 sources and it should be formatted MLA style and included with your final paper

Content of Paper:
• Is it an analytical paper?—does it breaks down an issue or an idea into its component parts, evaluates the issue or idea, and presents this breakdown and evaluation to the audience.
• Is it an expository paper wherein you are simply explaining something to the audience?
• Is it an argumentative paper?—one that makes a claim about a topic and justifies this claim with specific evidence. The claim could be an opinion, a policy proposal, an evaluation, a cause-and-effect statement, or an interpretation. The goal of the argumentative paper is to convince the audience that the claim is true based on the evidence provided.

Simply stated, your research should relate to your studio work. They should inform each other and therefore your reading and writing must be SIMULTANEOUS with the creation of your work—not the work first, then the writing.

Examples of past student papers and show documentation are available for your review in my office.

Good source for any questions on paper writing and formatting:
http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/

Required tutorial with library staff to access various search engines.

Length of Thesis:
Word Count—1800 minimum
This will equate to an eight-page paper