

TRACK ONE:

Wednesday, September 2: Topic Proposals Due

A topic proposal should include background on the topic, a preliminary thesis formulation, and a short description of the scope of your analysis. If possible, the topic proposal should include the name of your faculty advisor. After the topic proposal is received, the Executive Notes & Comments Editor (ENCE) will assign you an NCE. The topic proposal should also indicate which of the two "tracks" you have elected to follow. After this first deadline, each track will have its own set of deadlines. No page or endnote requirements.

Week of September 6: Track One members must meet with their research librarians. These meetings are *mandatory* and we suggest you schedule them as early as possible, because the reference librarians' appointments are likely to fill up quickly. The research librarians will assist you in developing a research strategy.

Sunday, September 13: Research Plan is due.

Week of September 20: Track One members must meet with their NCEs this week.

Sunday, October 4: Preliminary Draft

This can be a fairly rough draft, but it should reflect a good faith effort to make a significant start on your note or comment. It should be at least 10 pages long, but there is no minimum endnote requirement. You must submit your Preliminary draft to your NCE, ENCE, and faculty advisor.

Week of October 11: Track One members must meet with their NCEs this week.

Sunday, October 25: First Draft

For this draft, the bulk of your note or comment should be in place, supported by a strong framework of endnotes. It should be at least 18 pages long, and have a minimum of 80 endnotes. If you are planning a paper which is significantly longer than the 25 page minimum, you will want to have more than 18 pages completed by this time. You must submit your First Draft to your NCE, ENCE, and faculty advisor.

Week of November 1: Track One members must meet with their NCEs this week.

Sunday, November 15: Final Draft

Minimum 25 pages, 125 endnotes. Should represent the completed product, adequately supported with endnotes, and edited for style and citation format. You must submit your Final Draft to your NCE, ENCE, and faculty advisor.