



Thesis Checklist

Use this checklist to assure that your thesis statement is both complete and compelling.

My thesis statement

addresses my selected topic *clearly* and *specifically*.

articulates a *persuasive* argument, position, or claim.

includes a *premise* (or *premises*) and a *conclusion*.

is *logical* and *reasonable*.

is not a *false* or *faulty premise*, and is free of *rhetorical fallacies*.

accounts for or anticipates potential *counter-arguments*.

Additional Reading:

“Thesis Generator” (Ashford Writing Center) Ashford University

<https://content.ashford.edu/books/AUWC.12.4/sections/sec3.3#sec3.3>

“Argument” (The Writing Center) University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

<http://writingcenter.unc.edu/handouts/argument/>

“What is an Argumentative Essay?” (Purdue OWL) Purdue University

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/685/05/>

“Rhetorical Fallacies?” (Undergraduate Writing Center) University of Texas at Austin

<http://www.uwc.utexas.edu/handouts/rhetorical-fallacies>