

NS4079 (PRE-THESIS PROPOSAL) THESIS RESEARCH QUESTION

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In the space above, succinctly state the research question orienting the thesis. As you and your advisor deem appropriate, you may also elaborate upon the question itself, its importance, and/or your preliminary argument, but write no more than a paragraph in total.

A major research question could offer new analytical approaches or address gaps or debates within the contemporary academic literature. Your statement above must include a specific research question / statement, not only a research topic. For example, "What explains why some countries in Asia take part in anti-piracy efforts while others don't?" or "I plan to investigate how and why Asian countries vary in their approaches to anti-piracy efforts," not simply "I plan to research Asia and anti-piracy."

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