

A Guide to Writing a Senior Design Thesis in Engineering

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This thesis guide has been put together to help guide students who are writing or interested in writing a senior design thesis in engineering at Santa Clara University.

This should be used as a guide.

Use SoE guidelines for everything else that is not covered in this document:

<https://www.scu.edu/media/school-of-engineering/pdfs/current-student-resources/undergraduate/Formatting-General-Guidelines-Dec-12-2014.pdf>

It is expected that student teams work most closely with their senior design project advisors.

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