What is Draft 1?

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| *Draft 1 is the version that you think is as finished and as perfect as it can be.* |

Of course, no Draft 1 is ever perfect. No one should expect it to be perfect. That is why we know we have to write a Draft 2, Draft 3, etc.

However, students *misunderstand* Draft 1. Students too often think that this draft is:

* just something to turn in by the deadline. 🡪 No, it is not.
* is a way to get feedback. 🡪 Yes, but feedback is only for completed drafts.
* doable without applying third year seminar learning. 🡪 Absolutely wrong!

So:

* Apply what your teacher taught you about academic English writing (it was taught for a reason, after all).
* Make the best completed Draft 1 of the thesis that you can.
* And above all, USE THE CHECKLISTS!

If a Draft 1 is clearly not ready to be checked (e.g., there are only 5 paragraphs, there is no title, the conclusion section is only 1 paragraph, etc.), then it will not be checked! Draft 1 deadline clearance status may not be granted to students if they submit such an incomplete draft.

