## Mises Graduate School Thesis Proposal Outline

### Introduction (1/2-1 page)
- What is the general topic area?
- What is the specific scope of your research interest?

### Literature Review (1-2 pages)
- The literature review should be a well-organized overview of the research most closely related to your work.
- This might likely include the dominant debates, theoretical approaches, methodological research designs that have been used to understand your topic
- Understand that you are trying to demonstrate two things:
  - You are familiar with the research that has been done in this area, essentially what is out there
  - You have found a gap or “lacuna” in the literature…something that has not been well researched (or not been researched utilizing a certain theoretical perspective or methodological design)

### Research Question and Contribution (1-2 pages)
- A concise formulation of your specific research question.
  - What is the problem or issue that you are addressing?
  - Why is your research question important?
  - Why past attempts to solve it have been inadequate or nonexistent?
  - How your research will contribute to its solution?

### Research Methodology (1-2 pages)
- What is your methodology (deductive, historical, empirical)?
- What data (if applicable) do you plan to use and/or collect?