

	Capstone Thesis - GED 8495	Capstone Project - GED 8490
Format:	Individually paced; independent study Committee approved progress	Instructor-facilitated course On-campus or Online
Registration:	Registered via HSE; complete Capstone Information Form first	Registered via Pipeline
Course Objective:	Research-based: The capstone thesis is the culmination of an MA student's work at Hamline University. It is generally an applied research study conducted in the student's school or workplace. The student works closely with an administrative advisor to construct the research, carry out the research, and complete the project. The capstone committee offers additional support throughout the process.	Project-based: It is a research project connected to the student's professional setting or goals. The student develops a project from prerequisite work completed in their prior research methods course(s), proposes a timeline for completion (within the course time frame), and works toward project completion. In addition to a four chapter project summary, the student creates a culminating project allowing for public display of student scholarship.
Prerequisite:	GED 8400 Research Design (Chp 1-3 drafted in this course)	GED 8400 Research Design (Chp 1-3 drafted in this course)
Final Product(s):	1. Five chapter thesis: Chp 1: Introduction, Chp 2: Literature Review, Chp 3: Methodology, Chp 4: Data Analysis, Chp 5: Conclusion	1. Four chapter Paper: Chp 1: Introduction, Chp 2: Literature Review, Chp 3: Project Description, Chp 4: Reflection/Conclusion 2. Completed Project (Must be completed during the term)
Example studies: (Not a complete list of possible projects)	Action Research (data collection) Case Studies (data collection) Curriculum Design IF there is data collection	Curriculum Design NO data collection Program Materials (School building or District) Discourse Analysis Extended Literature Review Other Projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website

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Digital Commons - Readership:	Final Thesis available on Hamline's Digital Commons	Final Paper and Project available on Hamline's Digital Commons
Total Credits:	4 credits	4 credits
Course Length:	Up to three consecutive terms	1 term; Project must be completed during the course
Start Terms:	Fall, spring and summer	Fall, spring and summer
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