Prospectus Guidelines for MFA Thesis

The key purposes of the prospectus meeting are as follows:

1. To encourage students to focus carefully on their intended thesis.
2. To assure that the proposed work and timeline for completion are mapped out.
3. To clarify the role of the primary advisor and to arrange future meetings and draft submissions between student and primary advisor.

Please address the following on the cover page of your prospectus:

Name
Years in program
Genre(s)
Proposed title of thesis
Estimated page length
Primary advisor
Outside reader (optional)
Administrative advisor
Intended year of graduation

The body of the prospectus should be a written statement (three-five pages) describing the scope of the intended thesis and the way in which it will be pursued. Students should discuss briefly the subject matter and theme(s) of the work, the intended audience, and any outside reading or research necessary (students may include a bibliography if they wish). Students may include a chapter outline or discuss methodology.