



Thesis Statement

Academic writing often contains a thesis statement, which outlines the central argument of the paper; typically, the thesis is one sentence at the end of the introductory paragraph.

Below is an example introductory paragraph with a thesis where the points discussed within match the order of the body paragraphs.

East Stroudsburg University has a multitude of organizations for students to choose from if they wish to become involved in their campus community. For those interested in the English department, they can choose to join Calliope or the Stroud Courier. **Calliope** is East Stroudsburg University's literary magazine, and the **Stroud Courier** is the student-run school newspaper.

Body paragraph 1 topic: **Calliope**

Body paragraph 2 topic: **Stroud Courier**

Below is a second introductory paragraph and thesis example.

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