How to Register for Thesis

Graduate

Procedure

Each student completing the MS Thesis track shall find a chairperson and a thesis topic.

- The student writes a pre-proposal.
- The student submits the pre-proposal to the faculty chairperson.
- The pre-proposal gets accepted or sent back to the student for modifications.
- The student writes the proposal, after the pre-proposal gets accepted.
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- The student sets up a web site, after the proposal gets accepted.
- The student corresponds with faculty chairperson on a regular basis.
- The student updates their web site at least every two weeks.
- The student writes the final report.
- The student defends the thesis, after the final report is accepted.

The proposal should contain the following sections:

- A summary describing what you will do.
- An overview of the area of your thesis.
- A hypothesis.
- How the proposed work will be evaluated against existing work.
- Architectural overview of the planned system; i.e., the design specification. This may be less well understood, hence somewhat shorter.
- A list of the principal deliverables of your thesis and the form that these will be delivered, such as: technical paper or report, input/output examples or demonstration, code (the complete system should be given to your principal advisor archived on a single file, user manual, design documentation and maintenance manual.
- Annotated references. This should include the following: previous master's projects or theses, books, papers, URLs.
- Detailed schedule, including target defense date.
- Status of the work at the present time. Monthly updates must be posted on your RIT web page.

MS Thesis registration for credit:

- To register for Thesis, you must give the office a copy of your Proposal signed by the Graduate Coordinator, the chairperson and reader. The Department has a form for you to complete. If you do not finish your Thesis in the first term in which you register for credit, contact your Academic Advisor regarding registration of Continuation of Thesis. You should continue to post monthly progress reports on your RIT web page until you finish.