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Date: July 17, 2025 at 9:13 AM
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Date: July 31, 2025 at 7:07 AM
To: gradccse gradccse@kennesaw.edu
Cc: Eugene Fitzpatrick efitzpa4@kennesaw.edu, Ian Taylor itaylo19@students.kennesaw.edu

Hi Melinda,

Could you confirm that for MSCS students, the thesis committee chair:

1. Must be from the CS department, or
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Hello Dr. Shi,

If I remember correctly, your department requires the Thesis Chair to be a faculty member from your department and committee members can be outside of your department.

Kindest regards,



Melinda D. Ross (she/her/hers)

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