

Summary of Timeline for M.S. Thesis Candidates

First Semester

- Initial registration with help from your major (or temporary) advisor or ESE Program Office – Cindy Taylor Fate (cynthia@purdue.edu)
- English proficiency needs to be satisfied for foreign students before filing a POS

Second Semester

- Advisory committee selected no later than early in the second semester
- First committee meeting before the end of the second semester
- POS filed before the end of the second semester

All subsequent Semesters prior to Last Semester

- Meet with Advisor frequently
- Meet with Advisory Committee once per semester and submit a signed committee meeting report

Start of Last Semester

- Committee meeting to determine if course and research objectives have been or will highly likely to be met prior to the end of the semester and incomplete grades resolved.
- Make certain you have met both ESE and affiliated departmental requirements
- Submit Form 23 to indicate intent to graduate
- First draft of thesis must be submitted to major professor at least six weeks before intended examination date
- Thesis draft must be submitted to the advisory committee at least two weeks before intended examination date
- Thesis draft must be reviewed by your advisory committee according to the performance ratings outlined in the M.S. Thesis Rubric Evaluation. Copies of the signed rubric forms (one from each committee member present) must be submitted to the ESE Program Head and the graduate secretary of your associated academic department. Two weeks before the intended examination, request an appointment for an examining committee date.
- At this time students must submit an abstract for their seminar notice to the ESE Graduate Secretary. This will be circulated two weeks before your thesis seminar to the ESE and associated academic department student and faculty list.

Successful Completion of Your Degree

- Pass oral defense by according to the performance ratings outlined in the MS. Thesis Rubric Evaluation. Signed rubric forms (one from each committee member present) must be submitted to the ESE Program Head and the graduate secretary of your associated academic department.
- Prepare for thesis deposit, which requires approval of MS advisory committee members and ESE Program Head, and formatted according to the graduate school <http://www.gradschool.purdue.edu/thesis.cfm>