

Summary of Timeline for M.S. Non-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. Note this approved POS confirms that your course plans will meet any specific course requirements of both ESE your associated academic department.
- Transcripts on file for all previous course work

All subsequent Semesters prior to Last Semester

- Meet with Advisor frequently
- Meet with Advisory Committee members to determine the appropriate POS
- Second to last semester, ensure that course objectives have been or will highly likely to be met based on current progress and course offerings and that any incomplete grades will be resolved.
- Confirm that the courses on your approved POS have not changed (e.g., course was not taught or your committee at some point decided a different course would be better and you never revised your POS accordingly).

Start of Last Semester

- Submit Form 23 to indicate intent to graduate
- Meet with Advisory Committee as a group during your last semester during which time there will be question/answer time to allow the committee to evaluate the proficiency gained in your non-thesis MS (See Non-thesis Rubric Evaluation). Poor performance will not prohibit graduation; graduation is determined by successful completion of course requirements.

Successful Completion of Your non-thesis M.S. Degree

- Form 7 signed by all advisory committee members and ESE Program Head and a completed non-thesis Rubric Evaluation form in your file.