

Summary of Timeline for M.S. Non-thesis Candidates

First Semester

- Initial registration with help from your major (or temporary) advisor or ESE-IGP Program Office – Christal Musser (musser@purdue.edu)
- English proficiency needs to be satisfied for foreign students before filing a POS
- Transcripts on file for all previous course work or not eligible to register the following semester

Second Semester

- Advisory committee selected no later than early in the second semester
- First committee meeting before the end of the second semester
- Plan of Study (POS) filed before the end of the second semester
- Confirm that you meet the requirements of your home academic department and ESE-IGP

All subsequent Semesters prior to Last Semester

- Meet with Advisor frequently
- Meet with Advisory Committee once per semester, but not less than annually
- Submit a signed committee meeting report to ESE-IGP Office

Start of Last Semester

- Committee meeting to determine if course objectives have been or will highly likely to be met prior to the end of the semester and incomplete grades resolved.
- Confirm that your POS doesn't need changed due to course not taking or offered.
- Submit Form 23 to indicate intent to graduate-register as a candidate.
- Complete a "capstone" or final project required for Non-thesis students.

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

- Form 7 signed by all advisory committee members and ESE Program Head.
- Exit Questionnaire from the Graduate School.
- Exit Interview with ESE.

Minimum Credit Hours on Plan of Study

- 32 credits minimum in course work