M.A. Thesis Track Requirements & Timeline & Approval for Thesis

**Fall 1- Spring 2**
- Options of thesis are explored by student in first and second semester
- Thesis is discussed during advising in spring semester of the first year

**Spring 2 – Summer**
- Supervising Professor and specific area of thesis research are selected by student, with consent of the faculty member
- **Thesis Supervisory Committee** (two members, including the Supervising Professor and one reader) is selected by student with the assistance of the Supervising Professor. In general, only members of a GSC within the University can serve as the supervising professor on these committees. A student may petition the Graduate Dean to permit a nonmember of a GSC to serve as their supervising professor on her/his committee. The petition should be addressed to the Graduate Adviser and must establish that the nonmember has special competencies that justify his/her participation. A CV for the nonmember must be attached to the petition. The Graduate Adviser should be notified of the composition of the committee.
- Approval for Thesis, signed by the Supervising Professor and reader, is submitted to the CSD Graduate Office.
  By signing the Approval, the Supervising Professor and student are acknowledging the significant time commitment and are agreeing to allocate the time necessary to complete the thesis, including but not limited to (at the very least) monthly meetings designed to facilitate and monitor the student’s progress.

**Summer**
- Submit Thesis Abstract to the CSD Graduate Office, prepared in consultation with the Supervising Professor and Thesis Supervisory Committee.

**Fall 2**
- Submit an individual instruction form to the CSD Graduate Office
- Register for CSD 698A (Thesis)

**Spring 2 (Graduating semester)**
- Submit an individual instruction form to the CSD Graduate Office
  Register for CSD 698B (Thesis)
- Degree candidate materials filed by the date specified by the Office of Graduate Studies, early in the semester. It is the STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY to familiarize him/herself with the Graduate School’s deadlines. [https://gradschool.utexas.edu/academics/theses-and-dissertations](https://gradschool.utexas.edu/academics/theses-and-dissertations)
- The final draft of the thesis must be submitted to the Thesis Supervisory Committee at least 14 days before the University deadline for submission of the Thesis. *The CSD Graduate Studies Committee expects that the final draft of the thesis be fully edited before being submitted to the reader(s).*
  Drafts that are characterized by inaccuracies, spelling, punctuation and grammatical errors, and typographical errors will not be accepted.
- Degree granted.
Approval for Thesis

Name Student: ______________________________

EID: ______________________________

Program: ______________________________

I have read, and I am aware of all the requirements for completing a thesis.

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Student Signature Date

Graduate Adviser Name Signature Date

Supervising Professor Name Signature Date

Reader Name I Signature Date

Reader Name II (optional) Signature Date