

Civil and Environmental Engineering

MASTER'S THESIS PROPOSAL

Six hours of a research thesis are required for the MS degree in Civil Engineering. The research is developed and conducted under the guidance of the student's Advisory Committee. Please note that, by university policy, all courses outside the thesis must be formal. Formal courses are courses where students participate in learning with a faculty member in a formal course of study with a syllabus and receive a letter grade for the course. Therefore, independent study, graduate research, fieldwork experience and courses of this type are not included in the definition of formal courses.

Name of Student _____

NAU ID # _____

Proposed Date of Graduation _____

Proposed number of Master's thesis hours (6 hrs. min. required) _____

(Generally, each semester credit hour of master's thesis work corresponds to at least 3 to 4 hours per week of actual work to be completed.)

Proposed thesis title _____

A thesis proposal must be attached to this form. The proposal is 2-5 pages long and includes objectives, relevance to the field, milestones with expected completion dates, and a detailed description of the work to be accomplished. The inclusion of figures to illustrate ideas is encouraged. The proposal ensures that both the faculty advisor and student are in mutual agreement as to the extent and scope of the research work to be completed.

Successful completion of the work in the research proposal, a thesis meeting Graduate College requirements, and an oral presentation are required in order to obtain a passing grade. Work that has been *completed* prior to enrolling for the MS program does not count for credit.

Sign and Date

_____ Student

_____ Chair, Advisory Committee

_____ Associate Chair for Graduate
Programs, Department of Civil
Engineering