

Master of Science in Statistics Thesis Project Proposal Form

First Name		Preferred First Name	
Last Name		Student ID #	
NetID		Northwestern Email Address	
Year of entry to MS program		Anticipated completion of MS coursework	

Doing a thesis is an option for students who desire to enhance their research experience by working with a thesis advisor on cutting-edge topics. Starting the second quarter of the first year of study, students who are interested in the thesis track are encouraged to approach graduate faculty in the department and identify one as a thesis advisor. The thesis advisor must be identified by the end of the student's first year in the program. Once the thesis advisor is chosen, a thesis committee will be formed for each student, consisting of the thesis advisor, and two other faculty members. In addition to the advisor, at least one other committee member must be a graduate faculty member. The thesis committee must be formed no later than the end of Fall quarter of the second year. The thesis advisor will guide the student in thesis research and course registration until completion. The student must submit a written thesis, which has been approved by their committee, and do a 30-minute public presentation on the work.

MS In Statistics Thesis Project Proposal

Name of Graduate Faculty Thesis Advisor	
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Expected of start of thesis project	Quarter:		Year:	
Expected completion of thesis project	Quarter:		Year:	

Please describe your proposed thesis project below

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Course Registration Requirement

I understand I must maintain my student status for the duration of my thesis study work.

I understand that after I have completed the required course work for the MS degree, I may either continue to register for courses related to my graduate degree work and research or register for TGS 512-0 to maintain the full-time student enrollment status while writing my thesis.

International students: I understand that I must be enrolled in courses for 3 units of credit or in TGS 512 to maintain my student status while writing my thesis.

To confirm you understand the course registration requirements, type your initials here:

Student Agreement

I understand that

- To pursue the MS Thesis Track option, I must submit the completed thesis proposal form to the MS in Statistics Program Director and receive approval before the start of the Fall quarter of my second year
- I will work with my Thesis Advisor to find and two other faculty members for my thesis committee and at least one other committee member must be a graduate faculty member by the end Fall quarter of my second year.
- I must submit a written thesis, which has been approved by my committee, and do a 30-minute public presentation on the work
- I must meet the department expectations, project deliverables, and timeline outlined in the proposal above. If I need to change my proposed thesis or the timeline, I must submit a revised Thesis Project Proposal form with the new completion quarter and year to the MS in Statistics Program Director for approval
- I must submit the written thesis to my committee and do my presentation in time to meet the TGS requirements for graduation by TGS deadlines specified in the Academic Calendar for the quarter entered above that I anticipate completing the thesis project. More information on the TGS requirements and deadlines can be found [here](#)
- If for any reason I feel I will not be able to complete my thesis project by the quarter and year specified above, I must talk with my thesis advisor to discuss the change to my degree completion timeline and submit a revised Thesis Project Proposal form with the new completion quarter and year to the MS in Statistics Program Director for approval
- If I am an international student, I am responsible for complying with all Visa policies and terms during my thesis study work
- In order to withdraw from the Thesis option after I have been approved by the department to pursue it, I am required to meet with the MS in Statistics Program Director to discuss the withdrawal requirements

Student agreement

I understand and agree to the information above.

Student Signature

Date

To be completed by the Thesis Advisor

I agree to guide this student in the thesis research outlined in this proposal.

I agree to advise this student in course registration until completion.

I agree to assist this student in identifying thesis committee members and forming a thesis committee by the end of Fall quarter of their second year.

Signature of Thesis Advisor

Date

Submit the completed Thesis Project Proposal form to MS in Statistics Program Director, Hongmei Jiang, via email: hongmei@northwestern.edu.

Once the Thesis Project Proposal has been reviewed and approved, the MS in Statistics Program Director will let the department know you have been approved for thesis study and the department will send you an email approving you to pursue the thesis option with a copy of the signed and approved Thesis Proposal form attached.

Proposal Approval

MS in Statistics Program Director notes

Department Approval of MS Thesis Project Proposal

Signature of MS in Statistics Program Director

Date