

## **MS Thesis policy**

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This policy applies to all full-time and part-time graduate students pursuing a Master's degree program or students in the accelerated Bachelor/ graduate degree programs pursuing a Master's degree program in the College of Engineering.

For students who are on the Thesis track in their given degree program, it is required they register for four semester hours of Thesis per semester, for two semesters, totaling eight semester hours of Thesis. In situations where the student is not able to finish the Thesis before the end of the second semester, the student will then need to register for Thesis Continuation for the subsequent semester.

For students who no longer wish to continue with the thesis track but have registered for Thesis and are beyond the add/drop deadline for the semester, they cannot request to change the Thesis hours into Master's report, Master's project, or four semester hours of Research.

Students pursuing the thesis track may change their track to a Master's Report, Master's Project, or coursework only track the following term. In the event a student changes their track from thesis, they may petition to their program for a maximum of four semester hours of Thesis attempted to count as elective credit. The petition will be reviewed by the Program Director who may verify the work with the thesis advisor. In the event a student changes to a track where the program has determined the Thesis hours cannot count toward the program requirements, students may need to take additional courses at their own expense to satisfy the degree requirements for the new track.