

MS PROJECT AND THESIS OPTION FORM

Required for all master's student who is choosing the Project or Thesis option
Deadline: First week of the Spring quarter or first week of the 3rd quarter in the program

Date: _____

Name: _____ Student ID: _____

Email: _____ Entry term (qrt/yr): _____

Capstone experience option: MS Project MS Thesis

Faculty advisor (*must provide*): _____

When do you expect to graduate (date or quarter/year)? _____

<p>Project Option</p> <p>Students must complete a research project under the guidance of a faculty member. The project will be approved by a committee of at least two faculty members and requires a presentation and written report.</p> <p>In the Project option, a maximum of 4 units of CS 297 Directed Research course can be counted towards elective requirements.</p>	<p>Thesis Option</p> <p>Students must submit a master's thesis in accordance with the general requirements of the university. The thesis is original research work, and it should demonstrate the student's ability to study a research area, identify an open problem, and make a research contribution. The thesis requires a presentation and must be approved by a committee of at least three faculty members.</p> <p>In the thesis option, up to 12 units of CS 297 Directed Research or CS 299 Research for Thesis or Dissertation courses can be counted towards elective requirements.</p>
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NOTE: Your signature below indicates that you have committed to complete the capstone experience with the project or thesis option. Changing back to the comprehensive exam option would need strong justification and approval of the Graduate Advisor.

Student Signature

Date

Faculty advisor: Please do not sign the form after the deadline.

Requested Project/Thesis faculty advisor Signature

Date

Graduate Advisor Signature

Date

Approve

Disapprove