Masters Regulations and Procedures

Thesis, Research or Capstone Project

Students who elect a thesis, graduate research project or graduate capstone project must obtain approval of the research topic. The University encourages masters students to select thesis, graduate research/capstone project topics that permit them to participate in faculty research. Once approved, a research advisor and one or more additional committee members are selected and approved by the department coordinator or designee. Normally, if a student is working with a faculty research team as part of their thesis or graduate/capstone research project, the faculty member who is directing the student's research should generally be the student's research advisor. The graduate research/capstone project option may not be available for all programs.

An interruption in thesis registration requires written approval in advance from the department chair or designee and is permissible only for sound reasons and only if the student is making no use of University facilities or personnel.