

MA Thesis Contract
Department of Media Arts
University of North Texas

Name:

EIS ID:

Pathway: Crit/Cult Studies Industry Studies

Major: Media Arts

Thesis Committee Chair:

Media Arts Policy on Thesis Committees and Timeline

The thesis represents a project of original, independent research in an approved area related to the student's course of study. It is expected that students will complete and defend their thesis successfully within one calendar year of establishing their thesis committee. At the same time, students should consider that many graduate faculty members are not available during the summer semesters.

Graduate students are responsible for organizing their own thesis committees. This should be done by asking faculty members with expertise in the areas to be studied in the thesis to serve as committee members. No faculty member is required to serve on a particular committee and may properly decline membership due to other work commitments, lack of expertise in the proposed topic, or other reasons.

A thesis committee shall be constituted for a period of 12 months. After that time, the thesis Chair may, at his/her discretion, extend the committee for final completion and defense of the thesis. Students not making satisfactory progress toward the completion of the thesis will be required to form a new thesis committee.

It is understood that once the thesis option is chosen and agreed upon by the student, thesis Chair, and graduate adviser then the thesis must be successfully completed in order for the student to graduate from the Media Arts, MA program. (A student may NOT change to the non-thesis option after enrollment in thesis hours).

Student Signature & Date

Major Professor Signature & Date

Graduate Advisor Signature & Date