

SUNY-ESF Dept. of Environmental Studies
M.S. THESIS PROPOSAL APPROVAL FORM

Approval of Proposals

M.S. in Environmental Studies students are required to prepare a formal Thesis Proposal. The proposal must be approved by the student's Major Professor and Steering Committee using the form, below, for signatures, with a copy of the proposal attached, with one copy being submitted to the Departmental secretary for the student's file.

Although progress in developing a proposal may vary from student to student, in most cases students are required to produce an approved proposal prior to registering for more than 3 credits of ENS 899 Thesis Research.

Content of Proposals

M.S. Thesis Proposals will vary in content according to the nature of the planned research. These should be succinct statements of research plans describing the planned work. Thesis proposals typically include the following components:

- Title
- Abstract
- Introduction
- Research question(s)
- Context of research
- Rationale for the study
- Literature review
- Research design
- Method(s) of data collection & analysis
- Timeline
- Budget/ funding
- Outline of the thesis



PROPOSAL APPROVAL

Student Name: _____

Thesis/Project Title: _____

Approved:

Major Professor: _____ Date: _____

Committee Member: _____ Date: _____

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A copy of the approved proposal should be affixed to this form, and copies of this document with attached proposal should be provided to each of the above signers, and to the Environmental Studies Office, 106 Marshall Hall.