

MS CO Thesis vs. Master's Report

Students may choose to complete either a thesis or a master's report as their culminating experience.

The thesis explores a specific research topic under the guidance of the thesis chair and is reviewed by a committee prior to an oral presentation.

The master's report emphasizes the practical significance of new or existing methodologies to a current industry or community-oriented problem.

Thesis	Report
Requires three-member committee including a committee chair	Students will be guided by the CYBV 909 instructor but should consider potential topics prior to final semester
Requires oral presentation to the committee (to be completed prior to the last day of the semester)	May be presented as part of a departmental student showcase
Must be archived with the University by the posted deadline	Archiving is not required
Recommended for students wishing to pursue a Doctoral degree	Recommended for students who want to pursue a position in industry immediately after graduation. Students who select this option may still apply for doctoral programs.
40 to 80 pages of academic research	30 to 60 pages of hands-on solution applicable to an industry problem (case study, gap analysis, use case, etc.)
Sections may include: Introduction, Literature Review, Methods, Related Work, Proposed Model, Results and Findings, and Conclusion	Sections may include: Introduction, Relevance to Industry, Description of Problem/Challenge, Approach & Outcomes, and Summary/Conclusion

Master's Thesis Committee

Students who are completing a thesis must have three members on their thesis committee: the first being the committee chair, the second member must be part of the InfoSci Graduate Faculty, and the third member can be a Special Member or another InfoSci Graduate Faculty member. Graduate students must submit the Master's Committee Appointment Form, which will be routed through the Graduate College for approval. Please see the [Master's Thesis Committees policy](#) on the Graduate College website.

Resources:

[MS CO Thesis Proposal Guidelines](#)

[Submitting and Archiving Thesis](#)

[Thesis Formatting Guide](#)

[Dates and Deadlines](#)

[Sample Pages](#)

