

Three Track Option (Effective 1 January 2014)

Students enrolling in the Master's Degree Program **AFTER 1 January 2014** must select one of three academic track options before completing their Core Courses. The three academic track options are:

- **Thesis Option:** Student will be enrolled in the Master's Portfolio.

- **Non-Thesis Option:** Student takes three additional courses in lieu of writing a thesis or completing a Mentorship and must sit for the Master's Comprehensive Examination at the end of their program of study.

- **Mentorship Option:** Student completes a Mentorship in lieu of the Thesis and Non-Thesis options and must sit for the Comprehensive Examination at the end of their program of study.

Students who elect the **Thesis Option** will be enrolled in the Master's Portfolio. Students selecting the **Non-Thesis Option** or the **Mentorship Option** will take a Comprehensive Examination at the end of their program of study.



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Three-Track Option Form

Student Name (PLEASE PRINT):

First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Three-Track Option (Check only ONE option):

- Non-Thesis
- Thesis
- Mentorship

Signature: _____ Date: _____

NOTIFICATION TO STUDENT: The student's selected Program of Study and Track Option are not considered a contract between the student and the institution, and are subject to change at any time and at the sole discretion of the institution.

This form is to be submitted upon completion of the M.S.S. Core Courses (or first nine semester hours). Students will be unable to register for additional courses without this completed and signed form on record. No electronic signatures will be accepted.

If a student changes Majors or Track Options at any point in their degree program, it is the student's responsibility to ensure all degree requirements are met, which may require additional courses/hours to be completed in the degree program overall. Please contact the Registrar for any questions/concerns: 251-626-3303.