MS THESIS TIMELINE

You and Your Advisor Select a Research Topic
Select Thesis Committee

Write Thesis Proposal*

Advisor

Committee

Submit Proposal for Faculty Review
(see page 30 of the Graduate Student Handbook)

Submit Proposal w/Committee Signatures & CD copy to Dept. Office

>>Execute Research Project<<

Document each step as you proceed

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**Assemble “0” draft of Thesis**

- Review & revise (10 d)

**Establish main findings & conclusions linked to supporting data**

- You review & revise (10 d)
  - Advisor (10 d+)
  - Committee (10 d+)

**Submit Application to Candidacy (ATC)** one semester prior to graduation!

**Plan for 2 cycles**

- **Corrections Advisor & Committee**
  - Required corrections

**Schedule defense++ & submit display copy to GLY office (5 d+)**

**Write as you go**
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- Build main findings & conclusions linked to supporting data**
  - *Bounce ideas off others!
  - Use formal & informal presentations to solicit feedback

+++Check availability of advisor, committee & conference room
Notify GLY office of defense date, time & final thesis title

**Complete & submit final versions (see ***)) by grad school deadline or register for following semester.**

**Submit three copies***

- Bound copy & CD copy to advisor
- Bound & CD to GLY office
- Electronic copy to grad school

**Required corrections**

**Total~13 weeks (~3 months!) from ‘0’ draft to schedule**

**Notes on timing**

10 d+ (business days) = 2 weeks
After the “0” draft
2 weeks - you revise
2 weeks - advisor review
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2 weeks - advisor review
1 week - you revise
2 weeks - committee review
2 weeks - you revise
With support from advisor, schedule defense

**DONE!**

+ business days, holidays & weekends excluded.