

Directions to the student:

Complete this form after you identify your intended thesis topic and thesis advisor and/or 2nd reader (A minimum of 2 NPS affiliated individuals are required in the advising team). All information included on the form must be unclassified/unlimited distribution. When you and your advisor are satisfied with your completed form, upload to your Thesis SharePoint and provide access to your advising team, AA, PO and Department Chair.

MSEE/MSES Degree - Thesis Proposal Approval Form		
Student's Name:		
Curriculum no.:	Degree:	Date of graduation:
A. Tentative Thesis Title:		
B. Thesis Advisor:		
C. Thesis Co-advisor/Second Reader:	D. Additional Advising Team Member (Optional):	
<p>Plagiarism/Cheating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The student needs to be aware of the fact that the thesis represents the work of the author alone. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that material taken from other sources is acknowledged appropriately. ➤ The student will be familiar with the NPS Honor Code Instruction (NPSINST 5370.4C) and the ECE Information handout about plagiarism and cheating available here. ➤ By submitting this thesis approval form, the student acknowledges having read, understood and agreed to abide by the guidelines specified in the above documents. 	<p>Thesis Extensions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A student who detaches from NPS before completing his/her thesis for the master's degree will be granted an extension of one year upon submitting a thesis extension in the Thesis Dashboard in his/her Python records. ➤ A student may apply for up to two additional one-year thesis extensions. Requests for these extensions must be initiated by the student in the Thesis Dashboard in his/her Python records. Students are reminded that requests for 3rd thesis extension will be granted only if the student has made SIGNIFICANT progress towards completion of the thesis, as certified by their thesis advisor. ➤ The student bears full responsibility for maintaining the viability of his/her candidacy. If a student's extension expires, the candidacy lapses and the degree cannot be awarded at any time in the future. ➤ Students <u>must</u> complete their thesis requirements within 3 years of the date of detachment from the School. 	

***The italics text shown in Sections E-I below is guidance for you.
Delete italics text before submission for approval and signature.***

E. Discussion of Topic

This section should describe the main thrust of the study: What the specific objectives of your proposed thesis research are; What areas will be specifically investigated and what areas will be excluded. Put boundaries around the study; Identify what the study will be (e.g., a computer simulation, an experiment, an electronic design and implementation, a system study). Discuss any limitations of the study.

F. Tentative Chapter Outline

This section should list tentative chapter headings and provide a brief discussion of chapter content. (Note: This can change).

G. Benefit of Study

This section should present the contribution expected from research efforts, what individuals/organizations may be expected to use the results of the thesis (if known) and what problems/issues will be addressed/resolved.

H. Preliminary Bibliography

This section should include a listing of representative materials consulted during preliminary literature search. This should include references to the problem or issue to be studied, prior thesis work, literature references, or other sources of information. The final bibliography will probably be much more extensive.

I. Milestones

This section should include a tentative list of target dates for completion of the successive stages of the project. You will not be held strictly to this schedule; it is a means of conveying to others when major milestones of the study are expected to be completed. The list should include dates during which the following activities are expected to be accomplished:

- 1. Literature Review*
- 2. Construct Research Approach*
- 3. Conduct Research/Travel*
- 4. Analyze Data*
- 5. Draft Thesis*
- 6. Final Thesis Submission/Signature*