

## **THESIS PROPOSAL GUIDELINES**

A thesis proposal should be completed prior to beginning work on a research project. The outline below lists the items that should be included in the Thesis Proposal. After the proposal has been completed and signed by the student, all research advisors, and the Program Director, the student will begin the research project. Upon satisfactory completion of the project, the student will receive academic credit for the thesis as specified in the proposal.

**IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STUDENT TO OBTAIN ALL NECESSARY SIGNATURES FOR PROJECT APPROVAL BEFORE BEGINNING WORK ON THE PROJECT.**

### **THESIS PROPOSAL OUTLINE**

- I. Project Title
- II. Thesis Advisor
- III. Abstract - Outline Specific Project Goals
- IV. Project Narrative
  - A. Introduction
  - B. Detailed Project Description Explaining Goals
  - C. Significance
  - D. References / Works Cited
- V. Project Time Table
- VI. Expected Results/Outcomes
- VII. Resources Required to Complete the Project
- VIII. Approval Signatures (form on the back of this page)

For full information about the final organization and presentation of the Thesis, see the *Thesis Preparation Guide* at <http://spinner.cofc.edu/~environ/thesis.htm>

## **THESIS PROPOSAL APPROVAL FORM**

**All signatures are necessary for project approval and registration in EVSS 691: THESIS**

This research project is submitted as outlined in this proposal for \_\_\_ credit hours towards the completion of the Master of Science Degree in Environmental Studies, pending satisfactory completion of the project.

*Before working with vertebrates or humans as part of my research project I will develop the appropriate protocol (IACUC for animals or IRB for humans). I understand that failure to do so may result in a hearing by the respective committees and/or possible loss of grant or fellowship monies.*

Student Name (Print)	Student Signature	Date
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**Thesis Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

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MES Program Director (Print)	MES Program Director (Signature)	Date
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