

Petition to Change Master’s Capstone

Name _____ Date _____

UM ID _____ Email _____

Specialization _____

I request permission to change to the Master's capstone indicated below (select one):

Thesis
EAS 700

Practicum
EAS 702

Integrative Seminar
EAS 564/702

Your current Faculty Advisor if different than your Capstone Advisor, needs to approve this form. You can disregard if there is no change in advisors.

Faculty Advisor _____ Date _____

New Faculty Advisor _____ Date _____

COMMITTEE (required for thesis)

The following faculty agree to serve on this committee (a minimum of two is required for a thesis) or one chair for a practicum/integrative seminar:

Chair _____	_____	_____
(print name)	(signature)	(dept.)

Member _____	_____	_____
(print name)	(signature)	(dept.)

Member _____	_____	_____
(print name)	(signature)	(dept.)

Provide additional information (title and email) for any member who is not affiliated with the University.

****SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS***

Approved by Associate Dean _____ **Date** _____

Return completed form to Jennifer Taylor, Room 1539 Dana.

DEADLINE – THIS FORM SHOULD BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE ADD/DROP DEADLINE OF THE WINTER TERM OF YOUR 1ST YEAR IN SEAS

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THESIS:

I request permission to write a thesis because (indicate one):

- 1. I am an international student who plans to return home and apply my SEAS training there.
- 2. I need a thesis experience to be competitive for a job in my field.
- 3. A faculty member has selected me to work on a research project.

Attach to this request:

- 1. The title of at least one course (in addition to EAS 538 or its equivalent) that has been taken (or will be taken) to acquire training in research methodology.

Course #	Course Title	Institution
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- 2. A 250-500-word statement. Explain why you wish to complete a thesis. Provide some evidence of integrative problem-solving experience that you have received, either through course work or elsewhere. A thesis must include original research that culminates in a publication-quality written volume. Describe what your research objectives will be and what your approaches will be (i.e. field work, modeling, social surveys, data analysis, etc.) Provide a concise timeline that shows the dates you entered the program, will conduct the research, and expect to complete and defend the thesis.
- 3. Please complete the [Development and Mentoring Form](#).

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PRACTICUM:

I request permission to write a practicum because (indicate one):

- 1. I am an international student who plans to return home and apply my SEAS training there.
- 2. I will work with a supervisor in an organization and want to use the experience to write a practicum. Attach a work plan for your practicum experience, signed by your supervisor, making it clear that you and your supervisor have agreed on expectations.
Supervisor _____
Address _____
Organization _____
- 3. I want to apply theory and knowledge to develop skills in a real world setting. Attach an explanation clearly stating the body of theory and knowledge you plan to apply.

Attach to this request:

A 150-200 word statement explaining why this change in opus is most appropriate for you which provides evidence of integrative problem-solving experience received elsewhere (if changing from project) or evidence of research experience received elsewhere (if changing from thesis).

_____ File original form in student's file