

Petition to Change Master's Opus

Name _____ Date _____

UM ID _____ Email _____

Field of Study _____

I request permission to change to the Master's opus indicated below (circle one):

Thesis
EAS 700

Practicum
EAS 700

Integrative Seminar
EAS 564/701

Your current Faculty Advisor and, if appropriate, your new Faculty Advisor must approve this request:

Faculty Advisor _____ Date _____

New Faculty Advisor _____ Date _____

(If changing Faculty Advisor, also complete and submit Petition to Change Faculty Advisor or Field of Study form.)

COMMITTEE (required for thesis)

The following faculty agree to serve on this committee (a minimum of two is required):

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

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

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

Provide additional information (title, address, telephone, 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 Office of Academic Programs, Room 1520 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 (circle 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. In the case of a course taken off the UM Campus, include a copy of the course syllabus.

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 (circle 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.
- 4. Project group lost member(s) (statement not necessary).

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).

_____ Email student to let them know the Associate Dean’s decision
 _____ File original form in student’s OAP file