

## TRANSFER FORM MRP (3 term) to MA Thesis (6 term) Stream

Please return form with signatures to Graduate Coordinator by December 1

<b>Student</b>	
<b>Preliminary Research Question</b>	
<b>Collaborative Specialization</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> MER <input type="checkbox"/> TJ <input type="checkbox"/> not applicable (check one)

Entry into the thesis stream requires **the development and approval of a preliminary thesis proposal of 2-5 pages** and the agreement of a supervisor who supports entry into this stream. (Ensure a copy of the preliminary thesis proposal was sent to the Graduate Coordinator)

This thesis students will complete their courses during the Fall and Winter terms. In the Summer term, students will further develop their thesis proposal under the guidance of their supervisor and supervisory committee member and complete the thesis proposal MILESTONE by the end of the Summer term. The Graduate Handbook provides further details regarding the thesis proposal and Milestone requirements [http://www.sociology.uwo.ca/graduate\\_handbook/MA.html](http://www.sociology.uwo.ca/graduate_handbook/MA.html) [http://www.sociology.uwo.ca/graduate/docs/MA\\_Thesis\\_Proposal\\_Report.pdf](http://www.sociology.uwo.ca/graduate/docs/MA_Thesis_Proposal_Report.pdf).

Students in the thesis stream must have a supervisory committee, consisting of a supervisor(s) plus one additional member (the 'supervisory committee member'). The expectation is that the supervisory committee member will be available to provide feedback beginning at the proposal stage and throughout the writing process, and will read the thesis in its entirety before preliminary submission of the thesis.

In their second year, students write and defend their thesis. At the thesis 'defense' stage, an examining board must be named by the supervisor(s). Examining board members include two program examiners (from our Department) and one University examiner (from Western but outside Sociology). One supervisory committee member (not a supervisor) with SGPS status in our program may serve on the examining board.

MA thesis request form: [http://grad.uwo.ca/doc/academic\\_services/thesis/masters\\_thesis\\_exam.pdf](http://grad.uwo.ca/doc/academic_services/thesis/masters_thesis_exam.pdf)

I hereby agree to assume primary responsibility for supervision of the thesis:

<b>Supervisor</b>	Signature	Date
<b>Student</b>	Signature	Date

**The Thesis Supervisory Committee** consists of at least two faculty members with appropriate School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (SGPS) membership status.

**Supervisor:** This designation indicates that the faculty member has the appropriate level of supervisory membership and primary responsibility for overseeing the Master's or Doctoral thesis research. Up to two Supervisors can participate in a Supervisory Committee.

**Supervisory Committee Member:** The expectation in our department is that the supervisory committee member will serve as a "reader," providing advice and feedback beginning at the proposal stage and throughout the writing process, and will read the thesis in its entirety before preliminary submission of the thesis. Where deemed necessary, it is possible to name more than one supervisory committee member. One supervisory committee member may subsequently serve as a thesis program examiner. Examiners must be seen to be able to examine the student and the thesis at arm's-length, free of substantial conflict of interest. See section 8.4.2.1 of the SGPS *Thesis Regulations* for further details - [http://grad.uwo.ca/current\\_students/regulations/8.html#8326](http://grad.uwo.ca/current_students/regulations/8.html#8326)