

MA SUPERVISOR (due to Graduate Coordinator on October 31)

Student	
Preliminary Research Question	
Collaborative Program	MER TJ not applicable (check one)
Stream (see below information)	Thesis Research Paper (check one)

I hereby agree to assume primary responsibility for supervision:

Supervisor	Signature	Date
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Research Paper

In the second semester of study, students will be required to participate in sessions designed to meet the requirements of the MA Sociological Research Practicum Milestone. Students will complete their courses during the Fall and Winter terms, and will complete the research paper in the Summer term. This paper will be graded by the research paper supervisor. The Research Paper Overview and Formatting document in the Graduate Handbook provides details regarding formatting as well as the steps to completion of the research paper http://www.sociology.uwo.ca/graduate_handbook/MA.html

Thesis

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. A copy of the proposal needs to be sent to a Graduate Coordinator. MA Transfer Form needs to be submitted with the proposal.

Students will complete their courses during the Fall and Winter terms, and will complete the thesis proposal in the Summer term, under the supervision of the supervisory committee. The Graduate Handbook provides further details regarding the thesis proposal requirements – http://www.sociology.uwo.ca/graduate_handbook/MA.html

Students in the thesis stream must have a supervisory committee, consisting of a supervisor(s) plus one additional faculty member with appropriate SGPS membership. The expectation is that the additional faculty member will be named in the winter term, allowing him/her 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. The additional faculty member usually serves as a 'supervisory committee member.'

In their second year, thesis stream 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.

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