

**MA Thesis Option:  
Application and Initial Proposal**

This application and initial proposal for the MA thesis option must be completed, signed by your supervisor and emailed to the Graduate Chair by 1 December. If the Graduate Chair believes the proposal lacks sufficient detail, it will be returned to you for revisions. To be approved for the MA thesis option, you must achieve a Fall term minimum average of 83% (no exceptions) and have a proposal that demonstrates you have a clear and specific research question, main argument/initial hypotheses, theoretical approach, methodology and basic literature review. If approved, you will be required to submit a more detailed thesis proposal by 30 January to your supervisor and the Grad Chair. The points outlined below represent your initial proposal and it is recognized that they may evolve over time. You can leave some sections blank if deemed not applicable by your supervisor.

**Student Name**

**Student Signature**

**Supervisor Name**

**Supervisor Signature**

**Initial Thesis Title**

**Initial Research Question**

**Main Argument/Initial Hypotheses**

**Theoretical Approach**

*Provide a one paragraph statement of your theoretical approach and how it relates to your main argument/hypotheses.*

**Methodology**

*Provide a one paragraph statement of your methodology. For example, if you are using cases, mention which specific cases you are using, not using and why.*

**Literature Review**

*Provide a one or two paragraph outline of some of the literature related to your research question followed by a bibliography of no less than 10 sources.*