What is the Coursework Thesis Project?
The Masters Coursework Thesis Project is an individual project in which each student works under the guidance of a nominated member of the academic staff (supervisor). A co-supervisor may also be nominated depending on the set up of the project (e.g. an employer could be a co-supervisor in an external thesis project). The work may involve laboratory experiments, field or industry based investigations, design applications or theoretical research. The masters Coursework Thesis project is a two semester course students can commence in semester 1 and 2.

Who is required to complete a Thesis?
Students who have not completed a recognised Thesis in their undergraduate studies or further postgraduate studies are required to complete a Thesis in their Masters Coursework program. If you are unsure if you have completed one, or if the school is not aware that you have completed one, please contact the Student Centre so an assessment can be made.

What is required from you:

1. Find a supervisor:

Option 1. If you are employed and your employer is willing to nominate a topic and co-supervise the thesis, you can choose to do your thesis in external or distance* mode. You will have to find an academic supervisor within the school to assist with administration and assessment. This should be an academic from the appropriate discipline. Please see the link below.
http://www.engineering.unsw.edu.au/civil-engineering/academic-staff-list-a-z

Option 2. If you are not employed or your employer is not willing to nominate a topic and co-supervise the thesis, you have to complete the thesis in internal* mode. Browse online the selection of available topics and contact potential supervisors
http://intranet.civeng.unsw.edu.au/info-about/student-intranet/master-projects
Note: It is unlikely that this list is fully up to date and comprehensive – it is strongly advised that individual students approach School teaching staff in area(s) of potential interest, to explore the range of possible thesis topics that may be available.

2. Organise enrolment:
Once you have agreement from both your employer (option 1) and an academic supervisor, please complete the back of this form and send it to the School office to organise enrolment

* Different modes of delivery and their requirements:

Internal: This mode applies to all students who choose a topic under option 2. They have to find a supervisor internally and complete all components within the School. As part of their examination, they are required to submit an abstract and give a 15 minute seminar presentation within CVEN9932.

External: This mode applies to students who choose a topic under option 1, i.e. they have an external employer to co-supervise their Thesis. If the student resides within the Sydney Basin, the student will submit a thesis abstract and be required to come into the School to give a 15 minute seminar presentation within CVEN9932 as part of the thesis examination.

Distance: This mode applies to students who choose a topic under option 1, i.e. they have an external employer to co-supervise their Thesis. If the student resides outside the Sydney Basin, this student will have the option to submit a poster as part of their thesis examination instead of giving a seminar presentation. Students are strongly encouraged to present their thesis additionally to their work colleagues.
DEADLINE:
FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE SCHOOL BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT OF EACH SEMESTER

Student Name: _____________________________
Student Number: _____________________________
Commencement Semester: ________________ Year: ___________
Please circle your mode of study: EXTERNAL DISTANCE INTERNAL
Student Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________

Topic:

Supervisor Details:
Supervisor Name (within School) : _____________________________
Circle below:
  • Internal: Agrees to supervise the above students for their Masters Coursework Thesis on the proposed topic, and assesses all components of CVEN9931 and CVEN9932
  • External/Distance: Agrees to provide administrative support within the school and assesses all components of CVEN9931 and CVEN9932

Supervisor Signature: _____________________________
Supervisor contact details:
Phone: __________________
Email: __________________

Supervisor’s Details (External and Distance students):
External Supervisors name: _____________________________
Agrees to supervise the above students for their Masters Coursework Thesis on the proposed topic, and assesses all components of CVEN9931 and CVEN9932
Position of External supervisor: _____________________________
Supervisor contact details:
Phone: __________________
Email: __________________