



Department of Criminology, Law and Society

MA THESIS FORM 1

Approval of Thesis Topic and Committee

INSTRUCTIONS: Students must identify a thesis topic, draft a concept paper, and select a thesis committee prior to enrolling in CRIM 799. Students finalize their thesis research and complete the thesis while enrolled in CRIM 799. Students must submit this completed form (including signatures from committee members) to the Director of Graduate Programs **at least 2 weeks prior** to the start of the semester of initial enrollment in CRIM 799.

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THESIS TOPIC

Description of thesis topic:

THESIS CONCEPT PAPER

Please attach a 2 to 4 page, double-spaced, concept paper about your proposed thesis research. A concept paper summarizes the planned research project, justifies its importance, and describes the preliminary plans of how it will be carried out. The concept paper should be reviewed by your Chair and shared with committee members.

COMMITTEE SIGNATURES

The master's thesis committee consists of at least three persons on the graduate faculty, one of whom may be chosen from another Mason department. The Chair must be a member of the CLS Graduate Faculty. By signing below, the faculty member agrees to serve on the committee and approves the thesis topic identified above.

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| Additional Committee Member | Signature | Date |
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DEPARTMENT SIGNATURE

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| Director of Graduate Programs* | Signature | Date |
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**This signature confirms the student is cleared to enroll CRIM 799 after submission of MA Thesis Form 2.*