

**Master's Thesis Committee Form 1**  
**Department of Criminology, Law and Society**

**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 Graduate Director at least 2 weeks prior to the start of the semester of initial enrollment in CRIM 799.

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Thesis Topic**

Please briefly describe your 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.

Committee Chair	Signature	Date
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Committee Member	Signature	Date
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Additional Committee Member	Signature	Date
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**Department Signatures**

CLS Graduate Director*	Date
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*\*This signature confirms that the student is cleared to enroll in CRIM 799.*