



# CECS Fall 2024 Go for Launch Series: Spring 2025 Thesis Student Information Session

---

Presented by Heather Houser, CECS Graduate Program Manager





UCF

# College of Engineering & Computer Science



UCF

The purpose of the **Go for Launch Workshop Series** is to effectively connect our **CECS graduate students with the institutional knowledge** to improve their overall understanding, deadline adherence, and to support the college's overall excellence.



UCF

## Overview

---

- 1 Learning About Thesis
- 2 Selecting an Advisor
- 3 Submitting a Program of Study
- 4 Forming Your Committee
- 5 Registering for Thesis Hours
- 6 Thesis Resources
- 7 Questions?



UCF

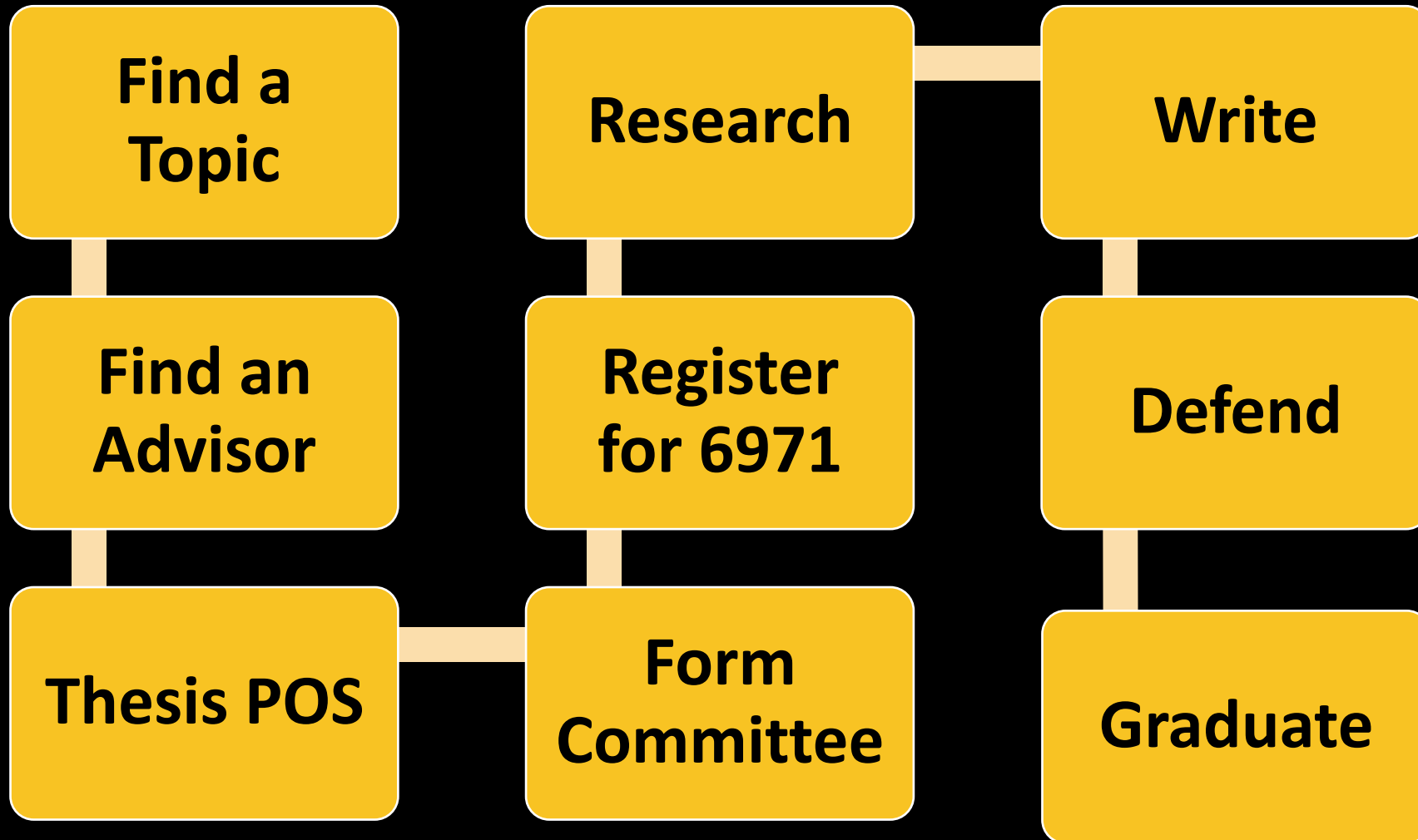
## Learning About a Thesis MS Degree

- A five-chapter paper that includes a literature review, methodology, data, and discoveries to solve or contribute to the global understanding of a specific topic.
- End of Your Program
  - Electives Should Support Your Research
- Thesis/Dissertation Excellence
  - [Top CECS Thesis/Dissertations by Download](#)
  - [Best CECS Thesis/Dissertations](#)



UCF

# College of Engineering & Computer Science



## Selecting a Thesis Advisor

**What do you want to learn more about? Have you found a gap in that topic's academic literature?**

- [CECS Departmental Websites](#)
- [Google Scholar](#)
- Past/Current Professor
- Peers
- Research Methodology Style
- Project Management Style

## Submitting a Thesis Program of Study

- [Commonly Used Forms – CECS Office of Graduate Affairs](#)
- Guidelines
  - 30 Credit Hours of 5000- and 6000-Level Credits
  - 50% Must be at the 6000-Level Including XXX 6971
  - Must Successfully Complete 6 Hours of Thesis Credits



- Only after Grad Studies Approves Your Thesis POS will you be Reclassified as a Thesis Student



UCF

## Forming Your Committee

- Ask your Thesis Chair for Suggestions
- Ask your Past/Current Faculty Members to Serve
- Approved Committees
  - Three Members
  - Graduate Faculty Status
  - Majority (2 of 3) must be from your Discipline
- Committee Formation Dynamic Form
  - Multi-Stage Approval Process
  - Due no later than **12/6** if everyone is approved
  - Not on Faculty List? **Before Thanksgiving due to Nomination**





UCF

## Registering for Thesis Credits

- After BOTH your Thesis Program of Study and Committee Formation is completed by CECS Grad Affairs, then submit your Registration Dynamic Form
- Multiple-Level Approval
  - **You → Your Advisor → CECS Grad Affairs**
    - Will get an Email Either Processed or Returning (usually holds)
- A Thesis Degree Requires 6 Successful Credits
  - 3 Hours is Full-Time
  - Preferred Two-Term Experience



UCF

## Thesis Resources

- [Graduate Studies Webcourse](#)
- [editor@ucf.edu](mailto:editor@ucf.edu)
- [CECS Graduate Defense Dynamic Form](#)
  - Due Two-Weeks Prior
  - Can Submit Early
  - Defense Information & Research Productivity Data
- Formatting Help?
  - [ETDhelp@ucf.edu](mailto:ETDhelp@ucf.edu)



“We remain committed to unleashing potential in people, organizations, ideas, and the communities we serve. That charge inspires us and illuminates fantastic possibilities ahead.”

---

*Dr. Alexander N. Cartwright  
UCF President*



UCF

## Questions?

## Future Go for Launch Workshops

- Spring 2025 Candidates: **November 1, 2024**



[Session Survey](#)