Proposal and Contract
Thesis in Major or ESS Thesis

Use this form to propose either a Thesis in Major (through your major department) or an ESS Thesis (at least one semester of research lab with a chosen advisor, plus ESS 48100). Return this form for approval to the ESS associate director (email or hard copy) by April 15 of your junior year.

Student Name ___________________________ Email ___________________________

I would like to do:
Thesis in Major  □ Yes □ No
(If yes) I understand that I must take an extra 3 credit elective to finish the minor.  □ Yes
(If yes) Major: ___________________________

ESS Thesis  □ Yes □ No
(If yes) I have taken/will take Research Lab(s) or equiv: ___________________________
(If yes) I plan to take ESS 48100 and finish my thesis: ___________________________

Advisor Name: ___________________________ Email ___________________________
Additional IEI Reader (if advisor is not an IEI Fellow) ___________________________
Working Title ___________________________

Attach a 2-3 page summary of your proposal outlining:

1. A brief description of your topic and the primary question you are seeking to answer.

2. A brief description of the methodology you intend to use to explore your question.

3. A rough outline of your projected schedule of progress, including how often you will meet with your advisor, and soft deadlines for your Introduction, Literature Review, Methods, Findings, Discussion, Conclusion, and Final Draft.

□ I have completed CITI Human Subjects Training

Signatures

Student Signature ___________________________ Date ______

Advisor Signature ___________________________ Date ______

IEI Fellow Reader Signature (if needed) ___________________________ Date ______

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Approval Signature ___________________________ Date ______

Comments
