Part 1: Requirements

**Course Credit**: Awarded with a minimum of 33 hours of graduate credit, and conforming to all rules and regulations of the College of Graduate and Professional Studies as well as meeting all of the requirements of the student’s chosen academic department/program. At least ½ credits must be in courses numbered 600 or above.

**Thesis Credits**: Minimum of 6 hours of thesis research. \*699’s cannot be taken until successful defense of proposal.

**Committee**: A thesis committee form must be submitted and approved one semester prior to the proposal defense.  A thesis committee consists of three graduate faculty and includes no more than one special purpose faculty.

**Time** **Limits**: A student must complete all master’s degree requirements, including completing a minimum of 33 credit hours of graduate credit, within seven years.

Part 2: Theses Defense

**Proposal**: Students are expected to defend their thesis proposal at least one semester prior to the final thesis defense. The student prepares and submits a thesis proposal for approval by the student’s committee, the appropriate academic dean, and the dean of the College of Graduate and Professional Studies. \*1 week notice must be given to the department as well as the thesis committee prior to defense.

**Defense**: The oral thesis defense may be set at any date convenient to the committee and the student, providing the University is officially open, **but must be at least seven weeks prior to the date the degree will be conferred.** The time and place of the examination, together with the names of the student, the Thesis committee, and chairperson or thesis director, and the title of the thesis must be submitted to the College of Graduate and Professional Studies at least one week prior to the defense.  The College of Graduate and Professional Studies will post notification to the campus community.

Part 3: Student Information ***Type or print information***

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|  | ***Hours exclude thesis hours – 699’s*** | ***13 or more*** |
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Part 4: Course Information ***Type or print information***

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| Core Requirements – 9 hrs  | Establishing Credit |
| Course Title | **Subject** | **Course #** | **Credit Hrs** | **Grade** | **Substitution** | **Semester** |
| Geoscience Research Methods | **ENVI** | **588** | **3** |  |  |  |
| Advanced Topics in Earth & Quaternary Sci | **ENVI** | **690** | **3** |  |  |  |
| [ ] Quaternary Environments | **ENVI** | **552** |  |  |  |  |
| [ ] Quaternary Paleoecology  | **ENVI** | **571** |  |  |  |  |

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| Electives – 18 hours minimum | Establishing Credit |
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| Thesis Research – 6 Hrs | Establishing Credit |
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Part 5: Committee Members

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| Thesis Committee Members – 3 members minimum |
| Chair:      | **Member:** | **Member:** |
| Member:      |  |  |

Part 5: Signatures

***STUDENT Signature*  Date:**

***ADVISOR Signature*  Date:**