

MASc Guidelines

Four (4) course credits and a thesis are required for the MASc degree. The MASc student is expected to start working on the thesis from the first semester of the program. The student and Supervisor will discuss the progress of the thesis at the end of each term as they review the Progress Report which is required to be submitted to the program office at the end of each term. The Supervisor may request the student to submit a thesis proposal (normally a maximum of 25 pages) in order to facilitate progression of the research.

On completion of the thesis, normally around term five, the student is required to give an oral presentation on the research results to their peers in the Graduate Research Seminar Series. Attendance in the seminar series and other seminars announced by the program is mandatory for all MASc students as part of the Graduate Seminar curriculum requirement. The research results are then submitted in a thesis format to the supervisor and once approved copies are distributed to an Examining Committee. An oral presentation is made by the student to this Examining Committee for the assessment and grading of the thesis. An Oral Examination will only be scheduled if the student has already given the seminar presentation. The student should consult with the supervisor on the contents of the thesis and schedule of revision(s) before starting to write. The body of the thesis should not normally exceed 125 pages.

Students should read through the [Thesis/Project Procedural Guide](#) for detailed information on the oral examination.

The Student and Supervisor must submit a [Thesis/Project Oral Examination Scheduling Request Form](#) once a committee has been arranged and a date established which needs to be four weeks prior to oral examination date.

Lab safety: Students working in an experimental or computer lab must familiarize themselves with safety requirements, which may be found at the [Environmental Health & Safety \(EHS\) and Security](#) website. In addition, students are not permitted to commence lab work until they have: (1) passed the online [WHMIS quiz](#) (the student is required to give a copy of the certificate indicating successful completion of the WHMIS training to the Department of Chemical Engineering, (2) obtained copies of the necessary MSDS forms and placed them in the lab, and (3) discuss laboratory safety procedures related to their research work with their supervisors.