

CSU Channel Islands - MS Mathematics Thesis

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1 Projects or Master Thesis Emphasis - 6 units

- Math 597/598 may be taken for a maximum of 9 units.
- Before registering for the first unit of thesis (or project), full admission to the program must be obtained.
- At least one core course must be completed with a B- or better.
- A faculty thesis advisor must be arranged.
- A thesis topic chosen for which the student is prepared to do research.

Students are strongly advised to obtain the proper background in a relevant area of graduate-level mathematics before registering for any thesis units.

2 When to Start your Thesis

The beginning of your thesis process could start at any time after you have been fully admitted to the program. Students typically start at the beginning of their second year of the program.

3 Thesis Committee

A thesis committee of 2 to 3 faculty members must be formed before registering for the final unit of thesis.

Finding Your Thesis Adviser

Talk to some professors about your desire to start your thesis. Make an appointment with them to discuss ideas for your thesis.

Committee Composition

- **Faculty adviser** This must be a professor from the mathematics program with a Ph.D. degree.
If you wish a professor from another program or from another university to be your adviser, you must have a co-adviser within the mathematics program at CSU Channel Islands, in such case, the MS Program Director at CSU Channel Islands must approve your selection.
- **Faculty reader** This could be a professor from any program but it must have expertise on the subject studied in the thesis.
- **Faculty reader (optional)** This could be a professor from any program from any university in the world.

A non-faculty scientist or professional with relevant expertise may serve in place of a faculty reader on a thesis committee (but not as a thesis advisor) subject to both the Director's and thesis advisor's approvals.

4 Registering for Thesis Units

A signed Thesis Units Request Form is required for registering for thesis units and is available on the Program webpage.

5 Presentation of Your Thesis Results to the Campus Community

This is achieved by

- Registering to be a speaker in the grad seminar. Communicate with the instructor in charge of the graduate seminar, preferably, at the beginning of the semester.
- Presenting your thesis results in the last week of the given semester in the graduate seminar. Communicate with the instructor in charge of the graduate seminar for details.

6 Oral Defense of Your Thesis

You and your adviser decide on a date to have your oral defense of your thesis. You must communicate with the rest of the committee about this date and must plan ahead. It is recommended that, about 3-5 weeks prior to the oral defense of the thesis, you provide a final draft of your dissertation to the thesis committee.

7 Signature Page

You could obtain this page in the Program webpage. On the day of your oral defense of your thesis, you must print and bring this signature page where all members of the committee will sign of acceptance provided you pass the defense.

8 Electronic Submission

You are required to submit your final version of the thesis to your adviser and the program director. The program director will then check that your thesis has the required elements and will proceed to forward it to the appropriate channels in the university for archiving.

9 Thesis links

- Thesis Submission Procedure
- Thesis/Project Units Request Form
- [Distribution License](#) – This form may be found on the Broome Library website.