

Interdisciplinary Studies: Master's Report Option Guidelines

Purpose:

The master's report option is designed to identify a specific problem associated with the student's chosen areas of study, research conducted to examine alternative solutions to the research question, and the student's interpretation of the information presented in the written document.

Requirements:

- The Report Option should comprise desktop research but can be/include field or laboratory-related research/data.
- The report should not exceed 75 pages. Students opting for this comprehensive component will take 27 hours of coursework plus 3 hours of Master's Report in Interdisciplinary Studies (IS 6330).
- Along with the submission of the written document, the student may be required to present their research to the members of their committee.

For formatting purposes, the student must follow a particular writing style, such as APA or MLA. The student will submit the document to their committee through the Graduate School [Dynamic Forms Website](#).

Student Graduate Committee:

The graduate committee should have 3 graduate faculty members representing each study area. It is highly recommended that the student meets with their committee collectively or individually to discuss the requirements. At this time, the committee may ask the student to provide additional information or emphasize a certain area of interest.

Committee Members Responsibilities:

- 1) Provide the student with guidance regarding any additional information they would like the student to include in the reflection essay. The committee may request that the student emphasize a particular area or include additional topics besides what is required.
- 2) The committee members will review the report similarly to a thesis review using the rubric provided through the Graduate School [Dynamic Forms Website](#).
- 3) Should the committee request the student present their work, they will coordinate a date and time with the student, allowing the committee to ask questions. The Graduate Program Advisor can assist if needed by making a room reservation.
- 4) It is the committee members' responsibility to accept or reject the report presented to them and complete the [necessary form](#) by the deadline set for that semester.