

Thesis Policy

Thesis Defense

Thesis students will complete 24 graduate hours, plus an additional 6 hour thesis course, which they can enroll in over a 2 semester period beginning after they have completed 18 hours within the program (traditionally year 2). Thesis students must submit a thesis proposal to their faculty committee for approval. The thesis must represent high standards of scholarly inquiry and empirical knowledge. It can be a student's original work or secondary data analysis but should provide evidence of value to one's field. The choice of a topic is the responsibility of the student and must be approved by the student's committee (see below).

An approved thesis proposal is one wherein the faculty committee determines that the student demonstrates a comprehensive understanding of theory, research and policy design.

The committee may consider the initial proposal and or finished product inadequate and the student will be required to revise and resubmit the thesis before degree completion. Students enrolling in the thesis option are exempt from the comprehensive exams that non-thesis students must complete to graduate.

Thesis Committee - A thesis committee has a minimum of three faculty members. Two of those members must be selected from the Criminal Justice faculty who are part of the Graduate Faculty at West Liberty University. A third member can be selected from a department other than Criminal Justice but is not mandated. This person must be a member of the Graduate Faculty of West Liberty.

Chair: _____

CJ Faculty Member: _____

Outside Member: _____

The official Graduate School process and form for applying to defend the thesis can be found at ...

FILL IN INFORMATION ON APPLICATION AND PROCESS HERE WHEN DEVELOPED!

Thesis Defense Date: _____