

### Thesis Option Recommendation Form

**Purpose:** To increase the likelihood of a positive outcome for students who desire the thesis option, the School of Social Work requires that all students selecting the thesis option complete this form, provide the requested documentation, and submit to the Research II instructor no later than the first week of the fall semester in which they are enrolled in Research II. However, earlier submission is encouraged.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Advanced Standing \_\_\_\_\_ 2-Year Program \_\_\_\_\_ 3-Year Program \_\_\_\_\_

Date Submitted \_\_\_\_\_ Date Reviewed by Committee \_\_\_\_\_

Decision \_\_\_\_\_

#### Criteria and required documentation

- An “A” in Research I (faculty signature or transcript verification required)
- The ability to concisely communicate the focus of your thesis. This is evidenced by attaching a concept paper (1 page maximum) that contains the following:
  1. the significance or aim of the research
  2. well defined research question(s)
  3. the proposed methodology
  4. a general overview of the data collection process
  5. a general overview of the data analysis strategy
  6. your proposed chair along with justification for proposing this person
- Evidence of 1) strong writing skills and 2) knowledge and ability to use APA guidelines.
  - This is evidenced by attaching one of your former graded scholarly papers that used the current APA format. Also include a cover sheet that indicates the class name, number and professor **OR** attach a signed note or email from a former instructor verifying 1) that your writing abilities equate those of an advanced year graduate student and 2) that you are knowledgeable about and have demonstrated the ability to follow APA guidelines. If the instructor is someone outside the UA School of Social Work the instructor’s contact information should be included.

One a scale of 1 – 5 with one being strongly disagree and five being strongly agree please respond to the below questions:

\_\_\_\_\_ I am self-directed  
\_\_\_\_\_ I am able to effectively manage time and multiple demands  
\_\_\_\_\_ During the year that I work on my thesis, I have planned such that my schedule permits me to regularly schedule blocks of writing time in addition to meeting other demands such as course work, field work, employment, and other life responsibilities.

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### Thesis Option Checklist

All of the forms and deadlines for completion of the Master's Thesis are located on the Graduate School website ([www.uark.edu/depts/gradinfo/](http://www.uark.edu/depts/gradinfo/)). You are responsible for following the timeline and individual deadlines listed.

#### *Completion Date*

Master's Thesis Committee Form \_\_\_\_\_

Master's Thesis Title \_\_\_\_\_

Thesis Registration \_\_\_\_\_

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During your final semester you must also schedule an oral defense of your thesis, in consultation with the Chair of your Thesis Committee.

Date scheduled for Oral Defense \_\_\_\_\_

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