

University Regulations for a Thesis

Of the minimum of 30 semester units of approved course work required for the master's degree, no more than six are allowed for a thesis.

When a thesis is required, the Pollak Library will be provided with an approved original in the approved binding and an acceptable microfilm of the thesis. An abstract accompanies the thesis and will normally be published in the University Microfilms International Journal, Masters Abstracts. Copies are thereby made available for order by interested scholars.

An approved copy of the thesis or project may also be required by the student's academic department. Students should check with their graduate program adviser as to whether a copy is needed by the department as part of the requirements for graduation.

When a project is required, some record of the project, or the project itself, is filed in the academic unit and, in some cases, in the library.

A student's thesis committee is composed of a minimum of three faculty members who supervise and approve the thesis. A qualified person who is not a regular Cal State University faculty member may serve as a visiting examiner and join in the approval of the thesis. This person serves as the fourth member of the committee.

Variations from procedures and regulations should be referred to the Office of Graduate Studies for review. For more information, see [UPS 410.106](#).