

MASTER DEGREE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS  
for

The Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences

(approved by EES Faculty: 13 October 2006 – v1)

*THESIS OPTION*

15 credit hours (maximum) = # of 4000-level courses

9 – 24 credit hours = # of 6000-level courses

6 credit hours (minimum) = number of 7000-level (i.e., thesis research)

List specific courses required:

- EES 6090 (Each graduate student is expected to participate in this weekly seminar)
- EES 7000 (at least 6 credit hours of thesis research required; see above)

Elective requirements:

Electives taken for graduate credit outside of the College of Sciences or College of Engineering must be approved by the thesis committee.

Language requirements: None

Other: The minimum requirement for the degree of Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Earth and Environmental Sciences is 24 credit hours of course work and six hours of thesis research credit for a total of 30 credit hours (see above). Nine of the 24 hours of coursework must be earned in courses numbered above 6000. Credit is not given for M.Sc. students in EES 4005, 4006, 6005, and 6006. Each graduate student is expected to participate in the weekly seminar, EES 6090. All M.Sc. graduate students will be required to:

1. identify and secure a thesis advisor from available EES graduate faculty *prior* to acceptance into the program;
2. form a thesis committee within his or her first semester consisting of at least three faculty members with graduate faculty status, two of which *must* be members of the EES faculty;
3. submit a prospectus or research work plan to the thesis committee within her or his first year (this requirement can be waived with a written approval from the thesis committee submitted to the Department);
4. complete a final comprehensive examination; and
5. submit and publicly defend a thesis upon completion of course and research.

*NON-THESIS OPTION*: None

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have read these requirements for the M.Sc.  
(graduate student signature) degree in EES and understand that they must  
be met to complete the program.