

Criminal Justice Thesis Process

Steps	Action(s) Required	Forms and Document Needed
Begin developing concept paper	Register for CRJS 798 (Thesis Research)	Request override <i>Wilder School Override</i> form: https://goo.gl/forms/JqNIS6BYprINiZ4V2
Finalize concept paper and identify a thesis chair		
Select additional thesis committee members	Provide CV for any non-VCU faculty members who do not have graduate faculty or affiliate faculty status	Request for Approval of Thesis Committee form *
Finalize proposal and share with committee		
Defend thesis proposal	Coordinate with Chair and Committee -Submit <i>Master's Degree Candidacy</i> form via DocuSign	Proposed Thesis form* <i>Master's Degree Candidacy</i> form: https://graduate.vcu.edu/student/candidacy.html
Coordinate revisions to your paper with Chair and Committee	-Register for CRJS 799 (Thesis)** -If you are in your final semester, submit your graduation application via eServices	- Request override <i>Wilder School Override</i> form: https://goo.gl/forms/JqNIS6BYprINiZ4V2 -Review Thesis/Dissertation Manual: https://graduate.vcu.edu/student/thesis.html
Final defense	-Provide committee with a copy of the final thesis two weeks before final defense -Schedule a room for final defense via GSSA -Review the ETD Checklist and submit the ETD Approval form via DocuSign -Upload final thesis to VCU Scholars Compass	- <i>ETD Checklist and Approval</i> form : https://graduate.vcu.edu/student/thesis.html - <i>VCU Scholars Compass</i> link: https://graduate.vcu.edu/student/thesis.html

*Please complete and submit form through email or in person to Graduate Student Services and Advising (GSSA) office – wsgradvise@vcu.edu; Raleigh building, Rooms 1007 and 1009.

**If a student does not finish the thesis while taking CRJS 799, the student must register for one credit of a Directed Research class for each semester until the thesis is completed.