

Planning and Proposal Approval Form for IDAI 790 Research and Thesis (6 credits)

Please complete the form with your advisor. Email the form to the MS in AI graduate director academic advisor; copy the advisor and committee. Only a digital, signed form is accepted. The advisor must be faculty from the MS in AI website.

Deadlines:

- This form must be submitted **one week before** the beginning of the semester when thesis credits begin.
- The thesis must be submitted to the advisor and committee **three weeks before** the defense.
- The details for the official thesis announcement (**title, abstract, advisor, committee, room**) must be submitted to the graduate director and academic advisor **two weeks before** the public thesis defense and the defense must occur before the last day of courses of the same semester. The student is responsible for arranging the room scheduling.
- The possible outcomes of the defense are *pass, pass with revisions, or fail*.
- To complete IDAI 790 the thesis must also be **bound and submitted** to the RIT library, and a digital PDF to the MS in AI graduate director and the iSchool, **before the graduating semester's deposit** deadline.

A. MS thesis student information

Student first and last name

Student UID number

Student phone number

Student email

Student signature

B. MS thesis advisor information

Advisor first and last name

Advisor department

Advisor phone number

Advisor email

Advisor signature

I/we agree to supervise this thesis:

If there are co-advisors, include information and signatures for both.

C. MS thesis plan

Preliminary title: _____

In addition, attach a one-page thesis plan outline. It should include these paragraph-long sections:

1. **Introduction:** Motivate the study and include specific research questions.
2. **Background:** Succinctly discuss important select prior literature with included references. The complete references should be listed on a second page in a standard bibliography format.
3. **Methods:** Describe how you will answer the research questions.
4. **Timeline:** Include a table with planned components, completion dates, and a defense date.

D. MS thesis committee

Name two additional committee members who have agreed to read the thesis and participate in the defense as committee members and include their signatures. The program encourages inclusion of members from the MS in AI faculty. Exceptions can be made by the program director.

Faculty member: _____

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Signature: _____

Signature: _____

E. Program director's approval

Signature: _____

Date: _____