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| **Stage** | **Description** |
| **Topic Approval (Term before signing up for thesis)**  | 1. Understand the requirement of master’s thesis
2. Research idea for thesis about topics that interest you.
3. Speak with various faculty about their interest in a) serving as the thesis advisor, or b) serving as a committee member (you will share your research concept with the faculty). Your thesis advisor can help with forming the thesis committee.
4. Get the Master’s thesis Topic approved.
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| **First Term of Thesis** | 1. Register for first term of thesis (3 credit hours).
2. Meet with thesis advisor at the beginning of semester to lay out plan for the term.
3. Work with thesis committee and make progress on the thesis work
4. Write the first one or two two chapters of the thesis
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| **Second Term of Thesis** | 1. Register for second term of thesis (3 credit hours).
2. Meet with thesis advisor at the beginning of semester to lay out plan for the term.
3. Work with thesis committee and complete the thesis work
4. Write the remaining chapters of the thesis and final version submitted to KSU library
5. Submit a conference paper (optional)
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