1. **Research Life Cycle**

Below is a general research life cycle.

1. **Research Lifecycle, Activities and Thesis Outcomes**

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| **Lifecycle** | **Activities** | **Thesis Outcomes** |
| Planning | 1. Form research questions 2. Literature review 3. Identify research partners | 1. Thesis advisor and committee formed 2. One page thesis topic description approved |
| Design | 1. Methods used to address the research questions 2. How data will be collected and analyzed. Or how an information system will be built 3. Project management | 1. Thesis proposal approved by the committee |
| Implementation | 1. Pilot study if necessary 2. Data collection and analysis 3. System development | 1. Conference paper on research ideas, method or pilot study (not required) |
| Dissemination |  |  |