DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS & STATISTICS

APPROVAL OF RESEARCH PLAN FOR THESIS

To be eligible for the thesis option, the student should have a minimum grade point average of 3.30 at the time of their initial enrollment in MAT 699 – Thesis.

A student interested in pursuing the thesis option should first seek a faculty member willing to serve as the student's thesis director who, together with the student, will decide on a research topic. Once the topic is decided, the student and his/her thesis director must submit this form to the Graduate Operations Committee together with the names of the three-member research committee (which is to include the thesis director.) By their signature on this form, the members of the research committee indicate they have reviewed the research plan and agree to serve on the student's committee.

This form should be submitted at least one week prior to the start of the semester in which the research will begin. Following approval of the research plan and committee by the Graduate Operations Committee, the Graduate Dean will officially admit the student to the research option and will appoint the research committee. The research director will become the student's new advisor.

In the event that a student's research diverges substantially from the initial plan, the student must submit a revised research plan to the Graduate Operations Committee for their approval. This should be done no later than the start of the second semester in which the student enrolls for MAT 699.

STUDENT NAME	ID#	
THESIS TITLE		
RESEARCH PLAN – Attach a one-to-two page summary	of the proposed research.	
Name/Signature of student	Date	
RESEARCH COMMITTEE		
Name/Signature of Thesis Director	Date	
Committee Member Name/Signature	Date	
Committee Member Name/Signature	Date	
Signature of Chair/Graduate Operations Committee	Date	