MAW Thesis Proposal and Timeline
Master of Arts in Writing, English Department, Coastal Carolina University

Sample timeline for selecting a thesis committee and submitting a thesis proposal:

For a May 2013 degree completion:

October 15th, 2012 – Select a topic and committee (primary and secondary readers), and begin early reading

December 12th, 2012 – Complete and submit proposal

Early January, 2013 – Begin focused work on remainder of thesis

April 2013 – Submit revised final version of thesis

Thesis Proposal

Proposals usually range from 4-6 pages in length.

On the proposal form (below), be sure to fill out the names of proposed thesis director and second reader.

Attach to the proposal form a sample of work representative of your proposed thesis project (ex. 5 to 10 pages of poems or 10 to 15 pages of prose).

Edit and proofread the proposal.

Thesis Proposal Checklist:

1. Consult with your thesis director and reader
2. Draft a proposal
3. Revise draft with thesis director
4. Select a writing sample
5. Print signature page (below)
6. Fill out the signature page with information specific to your thesis proposal
7. Submit your proposal, writing sample, and signature page to the MAW Graduate Coordinator for review by committee
Graduate students in the Master of Arts in Writing program must enroll in ENGL 698 and complete a final thesis in order to graduate. Students must complete at least 18 hours of graduate coursework before enrolling in ENGL 698. Students who intend to register for ENGL 698 should approach two faculty members the semester prior and request that they serve as advisors (one as a “lead” advisor and one as a “secondary” advisor) throughout the thesis-writing process. Students should meet with each advisor to discuss a thesis proposal and research plan. Students must then write a 4-6-page thesis proposal, attach to the proposal form a sample of work representative of your proposed thesis project, obtain the approval of both advisors, and submit the proposal to the Graduate Director. Once the thesis proposal has been approved, the student may register for ENGL 698.

STUDENT'S NAME__________________________________________________________

THESIS GENRE (Check One)
Creative Nonfiction [ ] Fiction [ ] Poetry [ ] New Media / Multimodal [ ] Rhet / Comp [ ]
Linguistics [ ] Business / Professional Writing [ ] Other: __________________________ [ ]

MANUSCRIPT TITLE __________________________________________________________

THESIS DIRECTOR________________________________________________________

SECOND READER__________________________

ANTICIPATED GRADUATION DATE_________

SIGNATURES:
Student: _____________________________________________ Date: __________
Lead Advisor: _________________________________________ Date: __________
Secondary Advisor: _________________________________ Date: __________
Graduate Director: ________________________________ Date: __________