



Thesis Pathway Approval Form

Upon admission, all students are defaulted to a course-only (non-thesis) degree completion pathway. Submission of this form, with departmental approval, is required for your degree audit to be updated. To avoid graduation delays, this should be submitted no later than **the end of your first semester**.

Step 1: Student Information

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____

STUDENT UID: _____ EMAIL: _____@floridapoly.edu

ENTRY TERM/YEAR: Fall _____; Spring _____; Summer _____

MS DEGREE: Computer Science; Data Science; Electrical Engineering; Mechanical Engineering

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Step 2: Attach Research Interest Statement (1 page)

Please attach a one-page summary of your research interests. This is not a full thesis proposal. Instead, it is an opportunity to briefly describe your research goals and the directions you hope to pursue. This statement should:

- Identify the general area(s) of research you are most interested in.
- Highlight specific questions, problems, or themes you would like to explore.
- Explain why these topics are meaningful, and how they connect to your academic/professional background.
- Indicate how your interests align with the program, faculty, or field.

Step 3: Advisor Selection

HAVE YOU IDENTIFIED YOUR THESIS ADVISOR? Yes; No, I need assistance finding an advisor

If yes:

ADVISOR NAME: _____

ADVISOR SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Step 4: Departmental Decision

Approved Denied Resubmit

Comments:

DEPARTMENT CHAIR NAME: _____

DEPARTMENT CHAIR SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Failure to meet satisfactory and research academic progress may result in withdrawal of approval or reassignment of the student's pathway, at the discretion of the department chair.