

## **Program Description-Thesis Program**

In general, the thesis program is for students who are research oriented and wish to pursue a Ph.D. or work in a research oriented field upon completion of a masters degree. Thesis students usually require 2-3 years for completion. Non-thesis students should know that the Graduate Faculty will not write letters of recommendation to Ph.D. programs for non-thesis students- if you intend to get a Ph.D., it is recommended that you pursue the thesis degree tract.

Potential students interested in the thesis program should correspond directly a specific member of the Graduate Faculty regarding the possibilities for graduate study.

We encourage you to correspond directly with faculty members whose research program is related to your own research interests. All thesis students must identify a potential thesis advisor prior to be admitted to the program. Such correspondence can often identify special opportunities for thesis research, financial support, or unique courses. A personal visit to the campus is highly recommended.