Discussion:

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Journey to the Thesis
complete body of research
prepare a proposal
SM Proposal

due: first summer/second fall term
approved by research supervisor

Elements:
background/motivation
preliminary work
proposed work
milestones with timeline
PhD Proposal

due: end of 8th term
approved by research supervisor
create thesis committee
need 2 EECS faculty

Elements:
background/motivation
preliminary work
proposed work
milestones with timeline
Journey to the Thesis
For PhD candidates: share results with prof/committee*
prof/committee agrees: start writing

*on regular intervals or with identified progress
Thesis Definition*

“a dissertation embodying results of original research and especially substantiating a specific view; especially: one written by a candidate for an academic degree”

MIT preserves all theses since a thesis is a requirement of the degree and a record of the original research

* Merriam-Webster Dictionary
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Degree Lists

- September
- February
- June* (May 20th at 3pm)

- must be a registered student for final term
- join degree list via Websis
- submit thesis title **Friday, Apr. 3**

*Commencement covers all three degree lists*