

## Workforce Education and Development Alternatives for Master's Degree Research Requirements

Research Alternative	Thesis	Research Paper		
		(Data Gathering Activity)	(Review and Synthesis of Literature)	(Research Project)
Associated Credit Hours	WED 599 (5 hrs)	WED 593 (3 hrs)		
Scope of Research	Topic must relate to workforce education; regional, state, national, international	Topic must relate to workforce education: scope as required by the topic but usually local	Topic must relate to workforce education	Creative project relating to workforce education (Curriculum Development, Business Plan, Needs Assessment)
Number of References	35+ (75% scholarly)	25+ (75% scholarly)	50+ (75% scholarly)	20+ (50% scholarly)
Statistical Analysis	Descriptive and inferential	Basic descriptive	NA	NA
Format/Organization	5 Chapters Introduction Literature Review Research Method Findings Summary./Conclusions/Recommendations	5 Chapters Introduction Literature Review Research Method Findings Summary/Conclusions/ Recommendations	3 or 4 Chapters Introduction Research Method (Including Problem) Literature and Research Summary/conclusions/Recommendations	1+Chapter(s) (Could be a simple manuscript with project attached) Introduction Literature Review Project
Paper Submission	An electronic copy of the thesis must be submitted to the SIUC Graduate School by the date identified for the semester in which the student is graduating. A print copy must be submitted to the Department's Office of Graduate Programs.	A print copy to the Department <b>five weeks before the end of the semester</b> in which the student is graduating.		
Oral Defense	Presentation on the thesis research to faculty advisor and two committee members. The thesis committee members will provide suggestions for improvement and will ask conceptual questions during the oral defense.	Presentation to WED 593 Instructor and a reader selected by the student and approved by the instructor. Reader must have expertise in topic and an earned master's degree. Reader and instructor will provide suggestions for improvement and will ask conceptual questions during the oral defense.		