

CCEE Undergraduate Thesis Option

1. The CCEE Undergraduate Thesis option is offered as a 3 credit hour Independent Study (CE 498) with S/U grading.
2. To be eligible, the student is expected to have senior standing (or be a rising senior) with an overall and major GPA of 3.5 or higher, although strong proposals from students who do not meet these criteria may also be considered.
3. The student must be supervised by at least one faculty advisor, but the thesis will be independently evaluated by both the primary advisor and a second faculty member (typically the Chair of the UG Programs Committee or his/her designee). The evaluators will meet and agree on a final grade for the thesis.
4. Those completing an “Honors Thesis” will be recognized at the CCEE Graduation exercises if the work is judged to be of a grade of **B or better** by the advisor and second faculty evaluator. Whether or not the work is judged worthy of the “Honors Thesis” designation, the course will appear on the transcript as a special topics course with an S/U grade.
5. The thesis will be on the order of 10,000 word equivalents including figures and tables (30 – 40 pages). Although the faculty advisor may set intermediate deadlines during the semester, the final thesis will be due on the last day of classes for the semester in which credit is sought.
6. A copy of the thesis will be maintained in the Department or electronically with web access.
7. As participation in this program is intended to be an honor, a written proposal is required and evaluated by the CCEE UG Programs Committee for overall quality, including both content and presentation. Application by interested students will be made by submitting the completed proposal to the UG Programs Committee chair. The proposal will include:
 - a. Completed cover page template (attached),
 - b. a description of the proposed research (2 pages maximum), and
 - c. current (unofficial) transcript.

Spring 2016 CCEE Undergraduate Thesis Proposal

Student Name: _____

Student ID Number: _____ Class (Jr, Sr): _____

Curriculum (CE, CON, ENE): _____ Hours Remaining: _____

Overall GPA: _____ Major GPA: _____

Prior Research Experience (Provide name of advisor and research title):

Advisor(s): _____

Primary Advisor's Signature: _____

Submittal Date: _____

Proposals are due **5:00 pm Monday November 16, 2015**. Proposals must be submitted in pdf format via email to the chair of the UG Programs Committee, rseraci@ncsu.edu.

Final decisions will be made within two weeks of the proposal due date and applicants will be notified of the outcome soon thereafter.

The final thesis must be submitted in pdf format via email to the chair of the UG Programs Committee by **5:00 pm Monday April 25, 2016**.

Proposed Thesis Title: _____

Attach a description of the Proposed Research (2 pages maximum) including:

- 1.0 Problem Statement
- 2.0 Importance or Relevance of Problem
- 3.0 Research Objective(s)
- 4.0 Research Tasks and Approach
- 5.0 Expected Results