HST Master's Thesis Guidelines

The HST Master's Degree is only an option for students withdrawing from an HST PhD program who would like a terminal SM.

Requesting a Terminal SM

- Meet with Dr. Julie Greenberg or Traci Anderson in the HST Academic Office to review guidelines for the terminal SM and confirm eligibility (via coursework degree audit)
  MIT Requirements for Master of Science include: https://oge.mit.edu/gpp/advanced-degrees/masters-degree/master-of-science/
- Consult with Research Advisor about plan for withdrawal and SM degree
- Submit a master's thesis proposal to the HST-IMES Committee on Academic Programs (HICAP), via Traci Anderson in the Academic Office

Thesis Proposal

The proposal should reflect the guidance of the thesis supervisor. There is no minimum length for the proposal. It should contain sufficient detail to clearly define and justify the research problem, and the proposed research plan. Preliminary results may be included if available.

When, in the view of the thesis supervisor, the proposal is acceptable, a copy should be submitted to the HST Academic Office, for review by HICAP.

The proposal package should include the following:

- **Thesis proposal Title Page** (signed by both student and supervisor)
- **Thesis proposal Abstract** that serves as a concise and accurate description of the proposed work when separated from the thesis proposal. The abstract should include: 1) a condensed description of the background and significance, explaining why the work is important, 2) the specific aims of the proposal, and 3) a summary of the methods to be used to accomplish the specific aims. Headings within the abstract (Background, Specific Aims, and Methods) are optional. The recommended maximum length is 300 words.
- **Proposal**

Final Thesis

No public defense or oral exam is required for the master's thesis.

For most recent guidance from the libraries: https://libguides.mit.edu/mit-thesis-faq/instructions

Thesis Title page

Sample title page (UNSIGNED) from the MIT Libraries.

Program line: should read, "Submitted to the Harvard-MIT Program in Health Sciences and Technology, in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of Master of Science in Health Sciences and Technology "

Copyright: Starting with the June 2023 degree period and as reflected in the MIT Thesis Specifications, all students retain the copyright of their thesis. Please review this section for how to list on your title page

Accepted by line: please list: **Collin M. Stultz, MD, PhD/Director, Harvard-MIT Program in Health Sciences and Technology/Nina T. and Robert H. Rubin Professor in Medical Engineering and Science/Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science.**

Signed Title Page: You may use the same format as the unsigned title page, adding a line for signature. On the "signed" version, only the student and research advisor should sign. Thesis committee members are not required to sign. The Academic Office will obtain Professor Stultz's signature.

Thesis Submission Components.

Submit to the Academic Office, via email (tanderso@mit.edu)
- pdf/A-1 of the final thesis should include an UNSIGNED title page
- A separate file with a SIGNED title page by the student and supervisor, the Academic Office will get Dr. Collin Stultz's signature.

For the MIT Library thesis processing, fill out the "Thesis Information" here: https://thesis-submit.mit.edu/
File Naming Information: https://libguides.mit.edu/