

MDes

Final Project Structure and Schedule 2016-2017

January 2017 Graduates

You are welcome and encouraged to join the larger MDes Colloquium held each May, but must still present your work in January to graduate in March. Presentations must be made, at a minimum, to your advisor and one other faculty member, and may take place at a time agreed upon by you, and your advisor – though no later January 17, 2017.

May 26, 2016	Deadline to Identify Advisor
Summer 2016	Project development review over the summer
September 23, 2016	Semester Project Launch Review
*6 weeks before final review	Interim Review (with advisor + one other)
*one month before final review	Submit draft Final Materials to Advisor
January 17, 2017	Deadline for final presentation
January 20, 2017	Submission of abstract and image for booklet (published May 2016)
	Submission of sign off sheet and digital file for archive

May 2017 Graduates

September 23, 2016	Deadline to Identify Advisor
October 14, 2016	Fall Interim Review I
November 18, 2016	Fall Interim Review II
February 10, 2017	Spring Kick Off Review Deadline
March 20, 2017	Submission of Abstract and image for Booklet
March 30, 2017	Spring Interim Review Deadline (with advisor + one other)
April 26, 2017	Submit draft Final Materials to Advisor
May 10, 2017*	MDes Colloquium
May 15, 2017	Submission of sign off sheet and digital file for archive

Final Project (9305)

The final design project is an 8 unit final project. As the final graduating requirement for all MDes students, the project involves a substantive independent research component in their last semester of study. The project must establish a proposition (position, case, project, hypothesis, thesis) and arrive at specific conclusions through multiple formats of representation/media (textual, graphic, spatial, material, etc). Depending on the Program Area, the Project Topic, and the Faculty Advisor, the specific process and final format of the final project will vary. In addition to core project requirements with the project Faculty Advisors and Area Coordinators, the final format and submission of the project will include a range of multi-media format: a Video Presentation, a Book, a construction, an installation, and/or a Website. All research projects are presented publicly.

Final Submission

You must submit a file to the MDes administrator of the final project in a pdf format that can be printed on 8.5x11 paper using 11 size font that is consistent and easy to read throughout the document. There should be 1" margins. The file should also adhere to the [guidelines of the Loeb Library](#) for archiving. There should be a [cover sheet](#) with Title, Name, Date and Advisor printed out in hard copy that has been signed by the student and faculty member accepting the document as completion of the Final Project requirement. A template [can be found here](#). You are not required to obtain the signatures of the program directors. The file must include the multi-media formats of the Final Project. Other media developed in the course of the project work is expected to accompany this document.

The student should agree with the advisor upon a date for submitting final manuscripts for review and comment, e.g., two weeks before final submission dates, so that there is time for suggested revisions. This must be submitted to the MDes office prior to the degree vote meeting at the date given above.

*to be confirmed

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Advisor Approval Form 2016-2017

Please fill out the following form no later than May 31, 2016 (for students finishing by January 2017) or September 23, 2016 (for students finishing in May 2017).

Please bring the completed copy to the ASP office, 40 Kirkland, 1 A-B. It is imperative that you talk with the faculty member supervising your work prior to completing this form as to what you propose to do to fulfill your research study requirement.

Name: _____

Area: _____

E-Mail: _____

Draft Title/subject:

Faculty Advisor Name

Faculty Advisor Signature