Each student enrolled in PHYS 698, Thesis, must have this signed document on file in the Physics Department office. This document includes a proposed title and a synopsis that describes the thesis work to be performed, specific requirements for each semester in which the student is enrolled, the nature of the formal report, and the basis for determining the final grade. The thesis advisor, the student, and the Chair must sign the agreement. 

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Thesis Advisor:
Thesis Committee:
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A supervised thesis is a significant learning experience for a student. A vital part of that learning occurs through public written and oral reports covering the material studied.

**Formal Oral Report Regulation:** A short oral report on the work accomplished must be presented at the end of each semester from the above date until the thesis has been submitted to the thesis office. Further, a final oral report (thesis defense) on the thesis must be presented before the document is submitted to the thesis office and after the thesis committee has approved the thesis. The student must plan to complete her/his thesis sufficiently early in the semester so that arrangements for the oral defense can be made.

The following regulations apply for the semester presentations: A 5-10 minutes public oral presentation with powerpoint or similar media on the work accomplished is to be given at the end of each semester in a venue and time determined by the department. The thesis committee, students and other faculty members and externals are invited to attend.

The following regulations apply for the thesis defense:

a. A 30 minutes seminar giving the background, results, and significance of the Master’s thesis must be presented, followed by answers to questions from the audience.

b. A time and place will be chosen, in conjunction with the Thesis Advisor, so that the entire Thesis Committee will be able to attend.

c. The time, place, and title of the seminar shall be publicly announced at least 10 days in advance to encourage attendance from faculty and students in the Department, as well as others external to the Department.

d. The grade awarded for PHYS 698 will be partially based on the thesis defense. Only after the University has officially accepted the thesis and after the defense has been presented may the grade be assigned.

**Formal Written Report Regulation:** The format of the thesis is determined in the Catalog. The format of the semester report is determined by the department.

**IMPORTANT:** Page 2 must be completed and signed once at the beginning of the first semester when 698 units is taken. Page 3 must be updated and signed every semester of enrollment with a new page containing a brief progress report, a description of the work to be done in the next semester.
THESIS PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

This page has to be filled out (typed!) one time and filed at the beginning of the first semester in which the student takes 698 units.

Description of the thesis intended work and outcome(s): A proposed title and specifics of the tasks to be accomplished for the thesis should be given here. Be specific about the work to be performed. The basis for determining the grade that will be assigned is provided on the first page of this document and the University Catalog.

Proposed Title of the Thesis:

Description of the work to be accomplished for the thesis: (The description should contain a list of tasks and possibly a timeline for completion.)
UPDATE OF THESIS PROJECT:

Year    Semester    # Units

This page has to be duplicated and filled out (typed!) each semester and filed at the beginning of the semester in which the student takes 698 units.

Proposed Title of the Thesis:

DESCRIPTION (Be short but specific. 1. Progress report on what was accomplished the previous semester, 2. Describe what will be done during the present semester, and 3. Describe any changes in direction of the project, or difficulties that are impeding progress):

Signature of Faculty Supervisor ___________________________ Date __________

Signature of Chair of Physics and Astronomy ___________________________ Date __________

Signature of Student ___________________________ Date __________

Signature of Graduate Advisor ___________________________ Date __________