

Aerospace Engineering Graduate Student Timeline

Committee Selection:

The committee shall consist of at least four members.
At least three members must have a Ph.D. in an appropriate field.
At least two members must be tenured or tenure track Cal Poly Aero faculty.
The committee chair must be a tenured or tenure track Cal Poly Aero faculty.
At least one member must come from outside the Cal Poly Aero department.
The outside member must be approved by the Cal Poly Aero department

Date _____

Advisor _____

Topic Proposal:

At the time of committee selection, the graduate student will give a short (~30 min) presentation proposing his/her research topic. It is the responsibility of the student to schedule a time acceptable to the committee. Any committee member may choose to withdraw at this time. The proposal does not need to be repeated for any changes in the committee, however, it is the student's responsibility to ensure any new committee members are familiar with the topic.

Date _____

Advisor _____

Seminar:

After the topic proposal and before the defense, the student will present his/her research to the Aerospace Engineering graduate seminar. Contact the Graduate Coordinator to schedule your presentation. The committee should attend and provide feedback.

Date _____

Grad. Cor. _____

Thesis draft:

The student should provide the committee chair with a draft of the thesis four weeks before the intended defense date. It is the student's responsibility to incorporate any feedback given by the committee chair in a timely manner.

Date _____

Advisor _____

Scheduling the Defense:

The thesis defense will happen no sooner than 2 Quarters after the topic proposal and 1 Quarter after the Seminar. The student will schedule the defense with the committee at least two weeks in advance. The student will provide the committee with a revised draft at this time.

Date _____

Advisor _____

Defense Announcement:

One week before the defense, the student will post announcements inviting the public to the thesis defense. The announcement will specify the research topic and time & place of the defense. The announcements will be posted at the department office, at the entry to the building, at the conference room, etc.

Date _____

Advisor _____

Thesis Defense:

The student will give a formal presentation (~1hr) followed by questions and answers by the public and then by the committee.

Date _____

Advisor _____