Proposal for Thesis Research

Students are required to submit a tentative research proposal by January 1 of the third year, signed by the student and advisor. If a student wishes to start thesis research with an advisor outside of Physics, Applied Physics, or SLAC, he/she must submit the following information to the student services manager: 1. Advisor’s name (must be an academic council member). 2. Field of proposed research and tentative thesis title. 3. Name of co-advisor from the Physics Department. If the Graduate Study Committee approves the research plan, the co-advisor is required to participate in the University oral exam.

After submitting the thesis proposal, students are required to choose a reading committee in consultation with their advisors. Reading committees consist of the principal advisor and two other readers. At least one member must be from Physics. These three faculty members will sign the finished dissertation.