



Computer Science (COMP) 676-680

Integration Thesis (Revision 1)

Status: Open ✓

Delivery mode: Individualized study online ↗

Credits: 3

Area of study: Information Systems

Prerequisites: Program Director and SCIS director approval required for the Thesis route. Students must contact the MSc CIS Administrative Assistant to obtain permission to register in any of the Thesis courses.

Precluded: None

Faculty: Faculty of Science and Technology ↗

Notes:

This is a graduate level course and students need to apply and be approved to one of the graduate programs or as a non-program **School of Computing and Information Systems** ↗ graduate student in order to take this course. Minimum admission requirements must be met. Undergraduate

students who do not meet admission requirements will not normally be permitted to take this course.

Instructor:

Dr. Larbi Esmahi

Overview

The Master's thesis consists of five (5) three-credit courses. The thesis must represent the results of the student's independent work after admission to the program. The proposed topic for the thesis, together with a brief statement outlining the proposed method of treatment, and the arrangement made for faculty supervision must be identified at the beginning of the program of study and approved by the program director and the SCIS director. The thesis will be evaluated by the student's supervisor(s), and at least two examiners appointed by the graduate program director, one of whom shall be external to the School. The additional thesis examiners may be faculty members or industry resource persons approved by the program director.

A Master's oral thesis final examination will be required when completing COMP 680.

Outline

The Integration thesis consist of five 3-credits elements, namely, COMP676, COMP677, COMP 678, COMP 679 and COMP 680. These elements are not conventional courses; however, they are treated similarly for administrative purpose.

MSc CIS students who elect Thesis route are required to complete the following courses:

COMP 676 Thesis I (Proposal Writing)

COMP 677 Thesis II (Research Stage I)

COMP 678 Thesis III (Research Stage 2)/p>

COMP 679 Project IV (Research Stage 3)

COMP 680 Thesis V (Thesis Writing and Defence)

The thesis proposal will be developed in COMP 676. The thesis proposal is developed under the supervision of the supervisor and supervisory committee. The supervisor and the supervisory committee must formally approve the thesis proposal. The student will conduct a formal presentation of the proposal to the committee. The presentation is followed by an oral examination.

MSc CIS students will have 6 months to complete each of the following courses COMP 676, 677, 678, and 679 successively.

Evaluation

To receive credits for the integration thesis, the student must obtain a PASS grade for each of the required courses.

Materials

The course materials is available in electronic format and include: a Integration Thesis Handbook that provides guidelines and explains the thesis stages, and the MSc CIS Thesis Style Guide.

Special Course Features

Students are expected to obtain and pay for all materials used in the projects. The MSc CIS program does not currently offer funding for students to conduct their projects, however, information on Athabasca University Graduate Research fund can be found on the **Research Centre's website** [↗](#).

Important links

- › [Future Course Offerings](#) [↗](#)
- › [Important Dates and Deadlines](#) [↗](#)

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