

## CSUDH Master of Environmental Science Program Thesis Defense Procedure.

- The student will collaborate with each of his or her committee members in the members' areas of expertise prior to submitting the thesis to the advisor.
- The student will then submit the thesis to the advisor for review and revision, if necessary. When the thesis is approved by the advisor, and free from grammatical and spelling errors, the advisor will forward it to the entire committee, at least TWO WEEKS before the defense.
- The committee will then read the thesis for content, and provide any additional feedback to the student.
- The defense must be scheduled for a minimum of THREE WEEKS before the thesis filing deadline.
- After the public oral defense, members of the audience are allowed to ask questions.
- Following the public defense, the committee will meet in a closed-door session with the student, during which they will raise any remaining issues (e.g. recommend changes to the text for clarity, additional analyses, etc.).
- The committee will then meet in private to discuss the thesis and defense, and determine whether the student will receive a pass.
- Following the defense, the student will have time to make any required changes to the thesis before the filing date.