

Guidelines: SOM Directed Research

All Ph.D. programs and all Master's program requiring a thesis require students to perform directed research under the guidance of an advisor and graduate advisory committee (GAC). The student's directed research efforts address their dissertation (Ph.D.) or thesis (Master's) project. Directed research is a major component of all Ph.D. programs and Master's programs requiring a thesis. Students complete directed research in addition to didactic course work.

The scope, breadth and direction of a student's directed research project is established by the student's advisor, the student and the student's GAC. Importantly, dissertation and thesis projects are original investigations and therefore it is difficult to precisely anticipate the time required to complete them.

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