

# The 3 streams of the MSc Program

## Thesis

A thesis involves a written thesis and the public oral presentation and defence of an original contribution to a particular research area.

For thesis students, thesis preparation and format, public lecture requirements and the procedure for examining the candidate and the thesis are covered in the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies Thesis Regulation Guide. ( [http://www.grad.uwo.ca/current\\_students/thesis\\_regulations/index.htm](http://www.grad.uwo.ca/current_students/thesis_regulations/index.htm)).

- Students must complete four graduate courses:
  - At most one course can be an MSc reading course. Each professor has their own assigned number.
  - At most one course can be a cross-listed course (9500-level).
  - No restrictions on the number of 96xx and 98xx level courses

## Project

A project normally involves the use of known techniques and concepts in the solution of a well-defined problem. A project report and public oral presentation are required.

- Students must complete six graduate courses:
  - At most one course can be an MSc reading course
  - At most two courses can be cross-listed courses (9500-level).
  - No restrictions on the number of 96xx and 98xx level courses

## Course-Work

Students must complete eight graduate courses as specified below. Please note that this option is not a normal route for entry into the PhD Program.

- Students must complete eight graduate courses:
  - \* Directed Study
  - \*\*two cross-listed courses (9500-level).
  - At most one reading course
  - At most two courses at the graduate level may be taken outside the department, with permission of the Graduate Chair.

### **\*Directed Study**

This course evaluates a student's ability to perform scholarly work and to communicate a result in a written and oral form. This is a one-term supervised research course. This is not intended to be literature survey. A project proposal, report and public oral presentation are required. All coursework students must take this course. It is not open to thesis or project students.

