

Thesis Defense Protocol – Fall, 2011

1. The copy used at the defense is just that – a defense copy – it is almost never the final, written paper since corrections are inevitably needed. For instance, typos, labels for figures, and similar small changes are frequent; more substantive, larger changes are less common and hopefully rare.
2. Students should send readers a defense draft by sending an electronic copy to Darlene (dbinkoski@msubillings.edu) as far in advance as possible, but for sure at least a week preceding the defense.
3. Faculty who grade the theses need to have the complete written work – if they have only the presentation to evaluate, they cannot grade the paper itself.
4. Grades for thesis follow the usual grading scale – it is not simply a Pass/Fail situation. Lacking a final written paper by Monday, December 19th, it will be impossible for any grade other than INC to be assigned; pending receipt of final written and electronic copies.