7.56 Dissertation Proposal (Required). A dissertation proposal describes a problem to be investigated, provides details regarding how the research will be performed, and is required for all students in doctoral degree programs. Approval of the proposal signifies that it meets the standards of the University of Rhode Island for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. The proposal should present the required information as concisely and clearly as possible. The ability to describe concisely a research problem and methodology is one of the skills that the dissertation proposal process is designed to develop. Therefore, dissertation proposals are limited in length to the signature cover-sheet plus 15 or fewer double-spaced, numbered pages in a font size no smaller than 12 point. Proposals longer than this will not be accepted, however, appendices and references are not included in the 15-page limit. Proposals should be submitted before substantial research has been completed, typically during the first or second semester in which the student registers for research credits. In all cases, however, the proposal must be submitted at least one semester before the semester in which the dissertation itself is to be submitted and defended. Complete details for the appropriate development, preparation, and submission of a dissertation proposal can be found on the Graduate School website (www.uri.edu/gsadmis/ Go to Graduate School Forms > Thesis/Dissertation Proposal Forms > Proposal Instructions). Proposals will be returned for revision if they do not contain the appropriate sections described in the Proposal Instructions.
7.44.3 Thesis Proposal (Required). A thesis proposal describes a problem to be investigated, provides details regarding how the research will be performed, and is required for all students in thesis-based masters degree programs. Approval of the proposal signifies that it meets the standards of the University of Rhode Island for the masters degree. The proposal should present the required information as concisely and clearly as possible. The ability to describe concisely a research problem and methodology is one of the skills that the thesis proposal process is designed to develop. Therefore, thesis proposals are limited in length to the signature cover-sheet plus 15 or fewer double-spaced, numbered pages in a font size no smaller than 12 point. Proposals longer than this will not be accepted, however, appendices and references are not included in the 15-page limit. Proposals should be submitted before substantial research has been completed, typically during the first or second semester in which the student registers for research credits. In all cases, however, the proposal must be submitted at least one semester before the semester in which the thesis itself is to be submitted and defended. Complete details for the appropriate development, preparation, and submission of a thesis proposal can be found on the Graduate School website (www.uri.edu/gsadmis/Go to Graduate School Forms > Thesis/Dissertation Proposal Forms > Proposal Instructions). Proposals will be returned for revision if they do not contain the appropriate sections described in the Proposal Instructions.