

Guidelines for the Non-thesis Agricultural Economics Concentration Research Project

As part of the Non-thesis Agricultural Economics Concentration, a student must complete a written Research Project Report integrating relevant coursework material with an approved research project. A student may elect to complete the required 3 credit hours of AREC 593 under the supervision of a member of the student's committee or another faculty member in the Department of Agricultural & Resource Economics. However, all AREC 593 Research Project Reports must be approved by the student's Faculty Committee. Form F, Non-thesis Agricultural Economics Concentration Research Project Approval, must be completed and signed by the supervising faculty member and the student's Faculty Committee upon satisfactory completion of the written Research Project Report. The grade (S or NC) will be assigned by the supervising faculty member. No more than 3 credit hours of AREC 593 may be counted toward the degree program. Upon completion and approval of the project by the student's Faculty Committee, a copy of the written Research Project Report must be placed in the student's file with Form F as the cover page.

A suggested *general outline* for the written Research Project Report is:

- Cover Page (Form F)
- Study Background and Justification
- Prior Studies (Literature Review)
- Study Objectives
- Data and Methods
- Results
- Conclusions
- Implications
- References Cited
- Tables
- Figures

The style guidelines for *American Journal of Agricultural Economics (AJAE)* must be followed. All pages must be numbered. The references and table/figures must be formatted according to the *AJAE* specifications. The written Research Project Report must not exceed 30 pages, including tables, figures, and references. It must be completed and approved before the [final comprehensive examination deadline](#).