

EEE M. S. Project Report Guidelines

A Master's project is not just a report on a specific topic. Projects, in general, must have a significant engineering analysis and/or design component, which requires the student to analyze or solve a problem. The scope of the project will often be large enough to require the student to build a piece of equipment or design a computer simulation in order to conduct the experiments or tests required for the problem solution.

Project reports should generally include these component parts:

- 1: A review of relevant background information on the topic that leads to a clear statement of the problem and the scope of the project -- specifically what is going to be done and why.
- 2: A concise description of the experiments or other work that were done to solve the problem.
- 3: A thorough description of the results of the work and an analysis of those results.
- 4: A statement about the conclusions that were reached, and recommendations for future work.
- 5: A reference section. The appropriate citation and reference format are clearly described in the Graduate Studies guidelines: <http://www.csus.edu/gradstudies/forms.htm> and in the IEEE Information for Authors document on the IEEE website: http://www.ieee.org/portal/cms_docs/pubs/transactions/auinfo03.pdf.

Individual project chairpersons may require variations to these general guidelines as well as the inclusion of specific appendices in the report.

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To insure a timely review by the project committee, students must turn in a first draft of the project report to their committee chairperson no later than six weeks prior to the University Thesis/Project Filing Deadline at the end of the semester in which they intend to graduate.