What is the CUE at Kettering?

Progress toward meeting the Culminating Undergraduate Experience (CUE) requirement, known as the thesis, is monitored by the Center for Culminating Undergraduate Experiences (CCUE) and the Kettering Faculty Thesis Advisor assigned to the thesis. Students have four CUE Options: Co-op Thesis, Research Thesis, Professional Practice Thesis and E-ship Thesis. The student will have two mentors, most commonly referred to as advisors, throughout their CUE. One advisor is a Kettering Faculty Thesis Advisor and the other advisor is determined based on the CUE option pursued. The Kettering Faculty Thesis Advisor meets with the student to review progress, review written materials, and approve the preliminary and final thesis documents. The Kettering Faculty Thesis Advisor for the Co-op Thesis Option is encouraged to attend at least one meeting on-site at the employer’s facility.

Please note: Students who have exhausted all efforts in identifying a thesis topic by the end of their Senior I Academic Term, will be scheduled to meet with the CCUE Directed Thesis Committee who will identify an appropriate thesis topic for the student.

Major milestones along the path toward completion of the CUE requirement include four modules (effective for Junior I’s as of Fall 2014) and are individually tracked by CCUE:

- Module 1: CUE Introductory 7 Week Course (CUE 495)
- Module 2: Submission and Approval of Thesis Topic
- Module 3: Submission of Progress Report
- Module 4: Submission of Written Thesis (includes 3 phases: Preliminary, Final Review and Final Submission).

Before a student begins working on the thesis project, the student will attend the CUE Introductory Course which is offered every term and in multiple sections. The course is structured to cover all aspects of the CUE; every week, a different module will be explored, analyzed and discussed as well as topic discussion including: a detailed review of the four CUE options; available guidance to creating and managing a successful timeline to help with issues jeopardizing retention and on-time completion of the CUE; preparation for document submissions throughout the CUE period: usage of KqUest: exploration of vigorous CUE topics; writing workshops and various resources to aid students. Also topics in project management, oral & written communication, professionalism, presentation skills and personal marketability will also be taught to assist the student’s transition from undergraduate studies to the professional world, which is a basic goal of the CUE requirement. Students would also benefit greatly through learning discussing the topics alongside their peers. By the end of the course, students will have a greater understanding of the entire CUE process, will possess the knowledge of all the resources available to them, and will be able to confidently begin and achieve their CUE.

The 4 Required CUE/Thesis Modules w/Student Timeline

Please Note: Module 1 must be completed prior to starting Module 2, etc. as it applies to each module. Further information about each module is available by clicking on the blue module heading.