Theses and Dissertations

WPI is a member of the Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations. This organization is dedicated to “unlocking access to graduate education” by making the full text of theses and dissertations available on-line.

Students are required to submit theses and dissertations electronically. Electronic submission of these works is not performed using CD-ROMs or floppy disks, but rather entirely through the Web.

Most documents will be made available to the general public via the Web, but individual authors and their advisors may choose to restrict their works to be accessible only by members of the WPI community or to be completely unavailable for a period of up to five years. Factors in this decision should include copyright, intellectual property and patenting concerns. Students should discuss these issues thoroughly with their advisors and committee members as early in the process as possible.

The following are required for proper submission of electronic theses and dissertations (ETDs):

1. A signed copy of the ETD Approval Form, available on the ETD Web site
2. A copy of the title page, with all appropriate faculty and student signatures
3. The thesis or dissertation converted to PDF and uploaded via the ETD Web site

In order to submit theses and dissertations electronically, students must have a WPI account, obtainable on-line using a PIN provided by the Projects and Registrar’s Office.

Training sessions will be held throughout the year, and extensive information about creating and submitting ETDs is available on the ETD Web site at www.wpi.edu/+etd.

Thesis Binding

Students and departments may wish to retain a bound paper copy of theses and dissertations. In this case, a $10 per copy binding fee must be paid at the Accounting Office. Once the fee is paid, students can bring the receipt and the copies to Technical Services in Gordon Library to be bound.