

CRITERIA	EXCELLENT	COMMENTS
DELIVERY		
Format	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cover page formatted according to CS Master’s approved language • Readable 12-font, single spaced, 1-inch margins • Headings for all sections 	
STRUCTURE OF WRITING		
Project Goals / Vision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearly describes goal(s) of completed work • Identifies problem or opportunity • Identifies stakeholders and beneficiaries or research 	
Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defines levels of success <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ minimum ○ expected ○ aspirational • Defines quality with metrics to measure it • Defines targets 	
Positioning of Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For project: Identifies existing systems similar to related to proposed system • For thesis: identifies and evidences gap in knowledge that thesis will address • Explains what work will be borrowed, adapted, from existing work • Offers where this system is different from existing work (i.e., value proposition) • Identifies how this project will demonstrate your master’s level competence • If part of a group project, identifies individual’s role within larger group project 	
Project Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides detailed milestones for key deliverables • Explains work to be done, e.g.,: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Software development lifecycle ○ Processes you’ll follow 	
Constraints, Risks, Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ key constraints ○ resources needed for success ○ anticipated risks 	
Scope and Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes items such as the following to clarify scope and both functional and non-functional requirements of work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Context diagrams ○ Use case diagrams ○ Use case scenarios ○ Misuse cases ○ Activity diagrams ○ Dataflow diagrams ○ Domain model 	

MECHANICS AND WRITING		
Mechanics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Easy to read: concise, precise, clear• Includes graphics, charts, tables, and other illustrations for easy comprehension	
Grammar	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Great grammar & punctuation	