At 9-15 hours, student meets with their assigned EIS Graduate Advisor and completes the **degree plan form** — this is a required form, which must be completed. The degree plan form will list all courses the student will take to complete the EIS degree.

While completing the degree plan, the student discusses the culminating project [either Thesis or Action Research Project] with their EIS Graduate Advisor and decides which culminating project is appropriate for their educational objectives.

Student indicates on degree plan which culminating project student chooses:
– if student chooses Thesis, student must select an EIS faculty member for the Thesis Chair. Student must contact the EIS faculty member and see if they will agree to supervise the Thesis. Student then puts name of Thesis Chair on degree plan.
- if student chooses Action Research Project, they must also contact an EIS faculty member and see if they will agree to be the Action Research Project Chair, but they do not have to put the name on the degree plan form.