Students in the M.M.E. (http://catalog.rider.edu/graduate/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/programs-certificates/mme-music-education/) and M.V.P. (http://catalog.rider.edu/graduate/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/programs-certificates/mm-voice-pedagogy-classical-track/) programs must register for one hour of thesis credit in the semester or summer term in which thesis work begins, in the semester or summer term in which work is completed, and in any other semester or summer term in which assistance is provided by the thesis advisor. A grade of "S" will be recorded on the student's transcript in any/all semesters while thesis work is ongoing but incomplete. Students in the M.A.T. (http://catalog.rider.edu/graduate/colleges-schools/education/programs-certificates/ma-teaching/) program must complete a capstone as part of the degree requirements.

Upon final approval of the thesis, a letter grade will be assigned by the thesis advisor for the final semester of registration. Final approval and deposit of the thesis must occur a minimum of one month prior to the end of the semester in which graduation is anticipated for Music Education students; a minimum of two weeks prior to the end of the semester in which graduation is anticipated for Voice students.