This is a named option in the Mechanical Engineering M.S. (http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/mechanical-engineering/mechanical-engineering-ms/)

The Department of Mechanical Engineering offers a Master of Science (M.S.) Mechanical Engineering degree with a named option in Research. Students in this program will select one of two tracks: either the Thesis track or the Independent Study track. (Fall 2021 is the final term in which students can select the 'independent study' track. Students admitted to Spring 2022 and beyond will be required to follow the 'thesis' track.)

- M.S. Mechanical Engineering: Research (2 tracks)
  - Thesis
  - Independent Study (Fall 2021 is the final term in which students can select this track. Students admitted to Spring 2022 and beyond will be required to follow the 'thesis' track.)

The M.S. Mechanical Engineering: Research degree program takes approximately two years to complete. The thesis track has a significant research component giving students valuable hands-on research experience with mentoring by faculty in the Department of Mechanical Engineering. The independent study track has a stronger focus on coursework but also requires at least 3 credits of independent study mentored by faculty in the Department of Mechanical Engineering. (Fall 2021 is the final term in which students can select the 'independent study' track. Students admitted to Spring 2022 and beyond will be required to follow the 'thesis' track.)

All students are mentored by the world-class faculty in the mechanical engineering department at UW–Madison. For a list of mechanical engineering faculty along with faculty research interests, please visit our faculty directory (https://directory.engr.wisc.edu/display.php/faculty/?page=me&search=faculty). For more information on research areas see our page on research in Mechanical Engineering (https://www.engr.wisc.edu/department/mechanical-engineering/research-in-mechanical-engineering/).