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/).