

# Honors Thesis Timeline & Deadlines

for May 2017 Graduates\*

Spring Semester, Junior Year	
<b>January - March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Choose general thesis topic, select an advisor and pitch a topic to him/her</li> <li>Touch base with DUS about deadlines, etc...</li> </ul>
<b>March 24, 2016</b> [2 weeks before registration]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit to the DUS a fully-approved honors thesis contract, which serves as a request to be registered for 691H (honors reading and special studies) for fall semester. <i>*This form must be on file before the department can enroll a student in 691H. You will be registered by GSLL staff during the first week of the fall semester.</i></li> </ul>
<b>By last day of classes.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create summer reading list of 5-10 works with advisor's approval/signature before classes end.</li> <li>Submit reading list to DUS.</li> </ul>
Fall Semester, Senior Year	
<b>First week of classes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You will be registered for 691 by GSLL staff during this week.</li> <li>Schedule one-hour weekly meetings with your advisor.</li> </ul>
<b>September 19, 2016</b> [by 4 <sup>th</sup> week of classes]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Turn in a 5-page prospectus to advisor and secure his/her approval.</li> </ul>
<b>September - October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seek out second and/or third committee member.</li> </ul>
<b>November 28, 2016</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By end of Thanksgiving break Turn in final draft of first chapter to advisor</li> </ul>
<b>By last day of classes.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit a fully-approved honors thesis contract, which serves as a request to be registered for 692H (writing of honors thesis) for spring semester. <i>*This form must be on file before the department can enroll a student in 692H or 693H. You will be registered by GSLL staff during the first week of the fall semester.</i></li> </ul>
Spring Semester, Senior Year	
<b>First week of classes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You will be registered for 692H (or 693H) by GSLL staff during this week.</li> <li>Schedule one-hour weekly meetings with advisor.</li> </ul>
<b>By end of January</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meet with DUS regarding defense procedures.</li> </ul>
<b>January 25, 2017</b> [by 2 <sup>nd</sup> week of classes]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Turn in draft of second chapter by the second week of classes.</li> </ul>
<b>By mid-February</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Schedule a defense with your advisor &amp; other committee member(s) for the second half of March and no later than the first week of April.</li> <li>Let the DUS know the defense date and time.</li> </ul>
<b>March 8, 2017</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Turn in draft of entire thesis to advisor by spring break.</li> </ul>
<b>10 days before defense</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit final draft of thesis to your committee.</li> </ul>
<b>By April 7, 2017</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conduct a one-hour oral defense with committee by end of first week of April.</li> </ul>
<b>April 10, 2017**</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit your thesis online at <a href="https://cdr.lib.unc.edu/forms/honors-thesis.form">https://cdr.lib.unc.edu/forms/honors-thesis.form</a> , including a scanned copy of your thesis cover page signed by your thesis advisor</li> </ul>

Details about these requirements and about the formatting of the final version of your thesis can be found at Honors Carolina (<http://honorscarolina.unc.edu/research/senior-honors-thesis/>) and on the GSLL website (<http://gsll.unc.edu/courses/undergraduate-honors-theses/>).

\* These dates are based on a May graduation date. If you are graduating in December, please consult with the GSLL-DUS for deadlines.

\*\*Date set by Honors Carolina: <http://honorscarolina.unc.edu/research/senior-honors-thesis/>