

Honors Thesis Timeline & Deadlines

for May 2024 Graduates*

Spring Semester, Junior Year	
January - March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choose general thesis topic, select an advisor and pitch a topic to him/her Touch base with DUS about deadlines, etc...
March 15, 2023 [2 weeks before registration]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 GSSL staff during the first week of the fall semester.</i>
By last day of classes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create summer reading list of 5-10 works with advisor's approval/signature before classes end. Submit reading list to DUS.

Fall Semester, Senior Year	
First week of classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You will be registered for 691 by GSSL staff during this week. Schedule one-hour weekly meetings with your advisor.
September 18, 2023 [by 4 th week of classes]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Turn in a 5-page prospectus to advisor and secure his/her approval.
September - October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seek out second and/or third committee member.
November 27, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By end of Thanksgiving break Turn in final draft of first chapter to advisor
By last day of classes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 GSSL staff during the first week of the fall semester.</i>

Spring Semester, Senior Year	
First week of classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You will be registered for 692H (or 693H) by GSSL staff during this week. Schedule one-hour weekly meetings with advisor.
By end of January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet with DUS regarding defense procedures.
January 22, 2024 [by 2 nd week of classes]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Turn in draft of second chapter by the second week of classes.
By mid-February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schedule a defense with your advisor & other committee member(s) for the second half of March and no later than the first week of April. Let the DUS know the defense date and time.
March 11, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Turn in draft of entire thesis to advisor by spring break.
10 days before defense	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit final draft of thesis to your committee.
By April 6, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct a one-hour oral defense with committee by end of first week of April.
April 8, 2024**	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit your thesis online at https://cdr.lib.unc.edu/forms/honors-thesis.form , including a scanned copy of your thesis cover page signed by your thesis advisor

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 GSSL website (<http://gssl.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 GSSL-DUS for deadlines.

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