

Honors Program

Students writing an honors thesis must register for SL199 for two semesters (the seventh and eighth semesters).

To be admitted into this course a student must meet the following criteria:

- (1) excellent academic record in the field
- (2) the ability to work independently
- (3) a brief description of the thesis topic by three days prior to the end of the add/drop-without-fee period (the “shopping period”)
- (4) written agreement of the faculty advisor in the department
- (5) signature of the concentration advisor.

Students will work in close consultation with the advisor and respect deadlines for various parts of the thesis. Honors is officially granted only when both the student’s advisor and the second reader approve the completed thesis.

Calendar of Deadlines:

- **A brief description of the thesis topic and the name and the signature of (a) the faculty advisor and (b) the concentration advisor, to be submitted for filing in the department** - three days before the end of the add/drop-without-fee period (the “the shopping period”) during the seventh semester.
- **Submission of the thesis proposal** – last Friday of September, seventh semester. The proposal must include the topic and explain its significance, provide a hypothesis and suggested methodology, and furnish a working bibliography.
- **Rough outline of the thesis, the name of the second reader** – last Friday of October, seventh semester
- **First portion of written work submitted** – Friday of the first week of December, seventh semester
- **Submission of a rough draft** – The first Monday of March, eighth semester
- **Final draft submitted to both readers** - The first Monday of April, eighth semester.
- **Complete bound thesis** – April 21, eighth semester.