

# Organizing & Planning the Honors Thesis

# Overall Course Schedule (Example) - Thesis I

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Week	Due (Day)	Students	Thesis Chairs
1	Wednesday	<b>Submission:</b> 1st Day Attendance	
1	Friday	<b>Submission:</b> Identify Prospective Chairs	
2	Friday	<b>Submission:</b> Annotated Bibliography	
3	Friday	<b>Submission:</b> Interview Prospective Chairs	
4			Complete: Agreement Form (Signature)
5	Friday	<b>Submission:</b> Confirm Thesis Chair	
6			Mentoring: Draft Prospectus
7			
8			
9	Friday	<b>Submission:</b> #GEA1_Prospectus Draft	
SP Break			Mentoring: Final Prospectus
10			
11			
12	Friday	<b>Submission:</b> #GEA2_Prospectus Final	Grading
13			
14			<b>Submission:</b> Final Letter Grade
15	Friday		
Finals			

# Overall Course Schedule (Example) - Thesis II

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Week	Due (Day)	Students	Thesis Chairs
1	Wednesday	<b>Submission:</b> 1st Day Attendance	Project & Schedule Coordination
2	Friday	<b>Submission:</b> Thesis Schedule & Coordination	
3			Mentoring: Draft Thesis
4			
5	Friday	A Quick Progress Check for Draft Thesis	
6			
7	Friday	<b>Submission:</b> #GEA1_Thesis Draft	Submission: Midterm Grades
8			
9	Friday	A Quick Progress Check for Final Thesis	Mentoring: Final Thesis
SP Break			
10			
11	Friday	<b>Submission:</b> #GEA2_Thesis Final	Grading (& Mentoring if minor revisions are needed)
12			
13			
14	Monday	<b>Submission:</b> Final Portfolio	Submission: Final Grades
15	Friday		
Finals	Thursday	Honors College Graduation <b>*Note: Grading must be completed BEFORE graduation.</b>	

**\*\*Important:** Your Thesis II grade must be a **B- or above** to earn the Honors Distinction!

# It's NOT just a Course! - Consider ways to extend your experience

There are many ways to effectively utilize your thesis experience before, after, & during the thesis process. Your thesis and its process can be connected to other activities in order to enrich your academic path, professional career, and personal life. Here are some examples.



## \* Global Experience & National Scholarships

Incorporate your Study Abroad experience into your thesis, which might be later included in your National Scholarship applications

## \* Building Connections

You have a great excuse to explore interesting research projects and meet with different people throughout your thesis process—follow your curiosity and reach out to them!

## \* Career Enrichment

Incorporate your internship experiences into your thesis (e.g., business development plan for your future career/company)—check the Honor Roll for internship opportunities!

## \* Service Learning

Turn your volunteer experiences into your thesis (e.g., community service project or supporting a non-profit-organization)

## \* Professional Experience

Don't forget to present your thesis at the Undergraduate Research Conference or other conferences. How about a publication opportunity?—check with your thesis chair.

## \* Personal Enrichment & Creative Life

You may choose an art project—something fun you don't get to do in your major.

## \* Graduate Program

Check out the programs you might be interested in—your thesis might be a way to get your feet wet and get to know parts of your future research projects!

