

## Completing Honors Thesis

- 1.) The maximum number of hours of ENG 403 (thesis) for an honors student is 8 hours, 4 hours a term for two terms, ordinarily the first two terms of the student's senior year.
- 2.) An honors student may take fewer than 8 hours of ENG 403, provided that the thesis director agrees; the amount of work required should be worked out between the student and director, using a typical 4-hour upper-division English course as the standard for determining the number of hours.
- 3.) The defense of the thesis before the committee of thesis director and second reader regularly takes place at the end of the second term of ENG 403 (usually the end of winter term of the student's final year of classes; in some cases, the defense may take place at the end of spring term). The final draft of the thesis should be presented to the thesis director and second reader at least 2 weeks before the scheduled oral defense.
- 4.) The thesis must be an original document written for the sole purpose of fulfilling the honors program requirement in English. Students may not use the thesis for degree credit or to fulfill honors requirements in other units.
- 5.) Final drafts of the honors thesis (the draft submitted **AFTER** the oral presentation and including changes recommended by the student's committee) should be laser printed on high quality paper (standard bond paper). Margins should be 1 ¼ inches and **TWO** copies should be submitted to the director of the English Honors Program; both copies should include the thesis director's signature on a separate signature page. Please submit the two copies UNBOUND, i.e. loose in a box or envelope; the binding will be done by the department at a later date.
- 6.) The main point about style in the honors thesis is to have consistency throughout. The standard for scholarship in literature is the Modern Language Style manual (MLA). Acceptable alternatives to MLA style include The University of Chicago Style Manual and the style standards set in the textbook used in departmental writing courses. If in doubt, please follow the MLA style manual.

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