



*A college thesis (also known as a dissertation) is the crowning achievement of a student's hard work. For many, a thesis is the culmination of many years of study within a particular major or field; it is the result of a lengthy thinking process.*

In your Senior year, view the thesis as the final component, or last opportunity that you have, to show off what you have learned and internalized.

Generally speaking, a thesis should challenge an intellectual question in a persuasive manner, inciting thought-provoking discussion or argument in readers. College theses are mostly just extended academic essays, though it is important to include all of the elements that are expected in a well-developed college thesis.

With the HON 4998 course, you can choose your thesis to be an independent research paper/project, a literature review, or a creative project with the guidance of a full-time faculty member of your choosing. It can be taken for 3-6 credits where a 3-credit thesis paper is at least 20 pages of content. Each additional credit increases the length of the final project. Similarly, if you are planning a creative project, then the thesis work must be equivalent to completing a thesis paper. It is highly suggested and recommended that you allow two semesters in completing all thesis course work. Typically a student would register in the Fall semester and complete/write/finalize project in the Winter semester of the Senior year.

In addition, all students must attend a (one-time) Thesis Informational session held each semester, providing greater details and resources needed for a successful thesis project.

If a student is also pursuing Departmental Honors in addition to University Honors, then the Honors College will use the Departmental Honors thesis course in place of HON 4998 to satisfy the thesis requirement for University Honors.

For example, a student who is pursuing Psychology Honors in addition to University Honors will need to take PSY 4998 as their thesis course. PSY 4998 will satisfy the thesis requirement for both honors programs. For any questions, please see an Honors Academic Advisor.

Reference: <https://www.grammarly.com/blog/thesis>