

## HONORS THESIS GENERAL TIMELINE

### SPRING OF JUNIOR YEAR:

- Choose a faculty mentor and a general topic.
- If your department has a thesis option, find out the department's expectations for the thesis process.
- Attend the Honors Library Liaison workshop: not only will this workshop help you to hone your research skills, but you will become better acquainted with the librarian for your field.
- Submit your signed Thesis Contract form.

### SUMMER BEFORE SENIOR YEAR:

- Read: Nataly Kogan, [Conquering Your Undergraduate Thesis](#) (2002), or Charles Lipson, [How to Write a BA Thesis: A Practical Guide from Your First Ideas to Your Finished Paper](#) (2005).
- Begin compiling a bibliography of necessary reading for your thesis / senior project.

SENIOR YEAR: You will be meeting regularly with your faculty mentor throughout your senior year. You will also be required to attend three meetings and some individual meetings with either Dr. Berendzen, or Dr. Thomas.

### September:

- Check-in with your faculty mentor, as well as the Honors Director and Associate Director.
- Get started on your literature review.
- Draft a timeline for completing your project

### October:

- Draft a Thesis prospectus outlining the parameters of your project and how you plan to complete it

### December:

- Progress Report highlighting the work you have completed to date, as well as a list of necessary revisions. Include any questions or concerns you have and as well as a sample of what you have written thus far.

### March:

- Completed draft

### April:

- Completed project
- Poster presentation night