Honors Guidelines

Meeting with your advisor

Ordinarily, you’ll meet with your thesis advisor once a week for about an hour, starting in the first or second week of the fall semester. You and your advisor will work out a schedule of reading and writing, though you’ll be expected to shape and guide much of your work independently. By the end of November, you’ll be asked to submit a significant piece of work—normally about 20-25 pages for critical projects, and varying lengths for creative work. Pending successful completion of this work, your advisor will approve your continuation in Honors for the spring term. (If you and/or your advisor feel it is not advisable for you to continue, ENGL 6600.01 is converted to a Readings and Research course for the fall, and you can add an elective for the spring.)

Both semesters of ENGL 6600.01 are graded.

A thesis needs to receive two readers’ grades of A or A- to qualify for departmental Honors. Your first reader is your thesis advisor; your second reader is chosen by the Honors Director from among the full time faculty. If one reader gives you a grade lower than an A-, a third reader is enlisted.

Theses are submitted in 2 (bound) copies: one to your advisor, and one to the Honors Director. By tradition, the advisor keeps one copy, and the second copy, after it has been evaluated, is archived in the Department Conference Room.