

# PPPM

Department of Planning, Public Policy and Management  
School of Architecture and Allied Arts



## Thesis Writing for Honors College Students in PPPM

PPPM majors in the Clark Honors College may write a thesis to satisfy elective credits in both departments. Students are encouraged to review the Honors College website <http://honors.uoregon.edu/content/current-students> for more information and to contact both an Honors College advisor and the PPPM Undergraduate Advisor early in the thesis process.

Eligible students should do the following:

### **Junior year:**

1. Register for and complete Honors College course HC 408H – Thesis Orientation (1 credit). This course provides an overview of writing a thesis.
2. Take PPPM upper division courses in an area of potential interest for a thesis topic. An instructor for one of these classes is a logical candidate for a thesis advisor.
3. Find a PPPM thesis advisor. To meet Honors College requirements, this must be a tenured or tenure track faculty member with the PPPM Department.

### **Senior year:**

1. Register for and complete Honors College course HC 477H – Thesis Prospectus (2 credits). This course will help students develop a thesis topic. Take this course 2 terms prior to the term you plan to defend your thesis (e.g., complete HC 477H fall term to defend your thesis in the spring).
2. Fill out Honors College Thesis Writing form and submit it to Honors College advisor for signature.
3. Register for 8-9 credits PPPM 403 Thesis in the 2-3 terms preceding graduation. PPPM 403 credits count toward the required elective credits for the PPPM major. Students must register for PPPM 403 Thesis to complete an honors thesis in the PPPM Department.
4. Schedule a thesis defense through the Honors College.

\*Please note: To graduate with PPPM Departmental Honors a student must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.75 and complete a thesis. Honors College students who do not meet the GPA requirement may still complete a PPPM thesis as outlined above, but will not receive departmental honors.

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## Thesis Writing for PPPM Majors—Department Honors Program

Writing a thesis is an excellent way for students to develop strong technical writing skills, advanced research skills, and to connect with faculty who share similar interests. Students considering graduate studies may also find thesis writing to be an important step in their application process.

PPPM Majors may satisfy some elective credit requirements and qualify for departmental honors by writing and defending a thesis. Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.75 to be eligible for a thesis and be considered for departmental honors.

Eligible students should do the following:

### **Sophomore or Junior year:**

1. Take PPPM upper division courses in an area of potential interest for a thesis topic. An instructor for one of these classes is a logical candidate for a thesis advisor.
2. Find a PPPM thesis advisor. The PPPM Department recommends students approach tenure track faculty or approved non tenure-track faculty. Due to other teaching, research and advising duties, faculty may not be available to advise students on undergraduate theses. The best option is to identify a faculty member in your area of interest and work with them to develop a suitable topic, rather than seek an advisor for a topic you have already identified.
3. Complete PPPM 413 Quantitative Methods and PPPM 465 Program Evaluation by the end of junior year.

### **Senior year:**

1. Complete and submit the PPPM Undergraduate Honors Program Thesis Approval Form no later than fall term of senior year.
2. Register for 8-9 credits PPPM 403 Thesis in the 2-3 terms preceding graduation. PPPM 403 credits count toward the required elective credits for the PPPM major.
3. Schedule a thesis defense.

Interested students are encouraged to meet with the Undergraduate Advising GTF to discuss the Honors Thesis process.