



School of Planning, Public Policy and Management



Thesis Writing for Clark Honors College Students in PPPM

PPPM majors in the Clark Honors College may be able to write a thesis that will satisfy elective credits for both departments. Students are encouraged to review the Honors College website for more information and to contact both an Honors College Advisor and the PPPM Undergraduate Program Director. Interested students should do the following:

Freshman/Sophomore year:

1. Take the 200-level HC Arts & Letters or Social Science Research Course.
2. Take classes in the PPPM major on topics that interest you and get to know your professors.
3. Take HC 408H: Thesis Orientation near end of sophomore year. This one credit course provides an overview of writing a thesis.

Junior year:

4. Meet with the PPPM Undergraduate Program Director to discuss your thesis plans and PPPM requirements.
5. Continue to take PPPM upper-division courses in an area of potential interest for writing a thesis, and confirm a thesis advisor in PPPM. To meet Honors College requirements, the thesis advisor must be a tenure-track faculty member with the School of PPPM.
6. *Spring Term of Junior year:* Take HC 477H: Thesis Prospectus (2cr.) This course will help students develop a thesis topic. It is recommended you take this course 2 terms prior to the term you plan to defend your thesis (example: take HC 477H in the fall if you plan to defend your thesis in the spring).
 - a. Submit a Thesis Prospectus Application Form (signed by your primary Thesis Advisor), along with a one-page outline of your thesis idea and a bibliography, to the Academic and Thesis Programs Manager in the Honors College, Mariam Jordan (mjordan@uoregon.edu), no later than 5:00pm on Friday of Week 6 the term *before you intend to enroll in HC 477H*.
 - b. Additional Third year requirements can be found online:
https://honors.uoregon.edu/sites/honors1.uoregon.edu/files/chc_thesis_process_four-year_overview.pdf.

Senior year:

7. Fill out the PPPM Individualized Study form *and* the PPPM Undergraduate Honors Program Thesis Approval Form in order to register for 8-9 credits of PPPM 403 Thesis in the 2-3 terms preceding graduation. These credits will count toward the required 32 PPPM elective credits. (To be eligible for PPPM School Honors, the student must register for PPPM 403.)
8. Schedule a thesis defense through the Honors College.

*PPPM majors who complete a thesis and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.75 or higher will qualify for PPPM Departmental Honors upon graduation. CHC students with lower GPAs will still complete a PPPM thesis, but will not receive departmental honors upon graduation.