



# 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 first two years of CHC core education curriculum, including HC 301: Research and Writing.
2. Take classes in the PPPM major on topics that interest you and get to know your professors.
3. Take HC 277H: Thesis Orientation at the end of your first year or early in your second year.

### Junior/Senior 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 ask a PPPM professor to be your Primary Thesis Advisor. To meet Honors College requirements, the thesis advisor must be a tenure-track faculty member with the School of PPPM.
6. 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).
7. 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](mailto:mjordan@uoregon.edu)), no later than 5:00pm on Friday of Week 6 the term *before you intend to enroll in HC 477H*.
8. 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 Honors, the student must register for PPPM 403.)
9. Schedule a thesis defense through the Honors College.

Additional CHC Thesis requirements can be found online: <https://honors.uoregon.edu/thesis-planning-timeline>.

\*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.