Thesis Writing for PPPM Majors not enrolled in Clark Honors College
PPPM Honors Program

Students who are PPPM majors and not enrolled in the Clark Honors College may be eligible to complete an honors thesis. Thesis credits will satisfy elective credits for the PPPM major and qualify the student for departmental honors. PPPM majors must have an overall UO GPA of 3.75 or better to be eligible for a PPPM thesis, and must graduate with a 3.75 cumulative GPA to be considered for departmental honors.

Writing a thesis is an excellent way for students to develop strong technical writing skills and advanced research skills. Writing a thesis also helps students connect with faculty who share similar interests. Students may also find thesis writing to be an important step if they are considering graduate studies. Students considering a thesis must meet with the PPPM Undergraduate Advisor to discuss eligibility, process, and timeline. Interested students should do the following:

**Sophomore or junior year:**
1. Take upper-division PPPM courses in an area of potential interest for a thesis topic. An instructor in one of these classes is a logical candidate for a thesis advisor.
2. Find a PPPM thesis advisor. The School of PPPM recommends students approach tenure track faculty and approved non-tenure track faculty. Due to other teaching, research, and advising duties, some faculty may not be available to advise students on undergraduate theses. The best option is to identify a faculty member whose interests align with yours 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 (or other preparatory courses as identified by your thesis advisor) by the end of junior year.

**Senior year:**
1. Complete and submit the PPPM Undergraduate Honors Program Thesis Approval Form to the PPPM Undergraduate Advisor no later than week 5 of fall term (fall term deadline assumes spring term graduation; adjust this deadline accordingly if graduating in a different term).
2. Register for a total of 8-9 credits PPPM 403 Thesis in the 2-3 terms preceding graduation (3-4 credits/term for 2-3 terms). These credits will count toward the required 32 elective credits for the major.

Note: The typical length of an undergraduate thesis is 25-35 pages. Length and scope of a student’s thesis will be determined by the thesis advisor.

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