



Psychology 489: Honors Thesis

MINIMAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE HONORS THESIS:

1. MUST BE WRITTEN

This proposal will consist of an introduction and methods section. These sections should be written in APA style and should be similar to a standard journal publication introduction and method in terms of length and detail. There should also be a brief section which details the analysis that will be completed. This is a minimal standard, and individual faculty advisors may require a more detailed literature review, more consistent with the area paper required from graduate students.

2. DISCUSSION OF ETHICAL ISSUES

This may be accomplished by submitting the proposed project to the Institutional Review Board (IRB) for approval. If the project is already covered under a protocol submitted by your advisor, an informal discussion of the issues and Board procedures should occur.

3. WRITTEN THESIS, CONTAINING AN INTRODUCTION, METHODS, RESULTS AND DISCUSSION SECTION

This should be in APA format and comparable to a manuscript which one would submit for publication.

4. ORAL PRESENTATION

This may occur as part of the colloquium series, be an oral presentation at the Red River Psychology Conference or several may be presented together at a special session.

5. GRADING WILL BE ON A LETTER-GRADE BASIS.

GENERAL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE HONORS THESIS:

1. YOU SHOULD HAVE COMPLETED PSYCH 350 AND 251.

2. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU PLAN ON TAKING THESIS CREDITS FOR A FULL YEAR.

You should sign up for one credit for every three hours that will be spent on the project per week.

3. WE HAVE ATTEMPTED TO MAKE SOME ESTIMATES FOR HOW MUCH TIME YOU MIGHT EXPECT TO SPEND ON EACH PART OF THE THESIS.

- Literature Review and Introduction: 2 months
- Methods: 1 month
- Institutional Review Board approval: 1 month
- Data Collection: 2-3 months
- Data Analysis: 1 month
- Write-up: 1 month

These are only estimates. They are provided to emphasize the fact the Honors Thesis demands a considerable commitment of effort and time over the better part on an academic year.

Completing an Honors Thesis will fulfill the requirements for a Capstone Experience.

