

PLANNING YOUR HONORS THESIS

SCHC SENIOR THESIS TIMELINE

YEAR 1 - Learn

1

Fall Semester

What's a thesis?
Soak up new ideas. Connect
with faculty.

2

Spring Semester

What's a thesis?
Attend a workshop or the
Senior Thesis Symposium.

YEAR 2 - Imagine

3

Fall Semester

What are your passions? Share
them with an advisor or faculty
member.

4

Spring Semester

Connect your passions to
undergraduate research or
service opportunities

YEAR 3 - Plan

5

Fall Semester

Identify possible thesis topics
and explore them with a
faculty member.

6

Spring Semester

Enroll in SCHC 390. Formulate
an initial proposal. Secure a
thesis director.

YEAR 4 - Execute

7

Fall Semester

Enroll in SCHC 499. Refine your
proposal and timeline. Identify
a second reader. Get to work!

8

Spring Semester

Enroll in SCHC 499. Finalize the
project and written portion.
Defend and submit the thesis.

Most students begin the thesis process in the spring of their junior year by taking a course designed to help them develop a thesis proposal. Students then work on the thesis for both semesters of the senior year. We encourage you to think about your thesis well before then, especially if you plan to study abroad, graduate early, or major in a discipline requiring internships or practica in the senior year.

Here are some suggested focal points for thesis planning.

YEARS 1 & 2

- Attend a Thesis 101 student panel.
- Explore BTC learning experiences.
- Start an idea file.

YEAR 3

- Take courses related to possible thesis topics.
- Engage with faculty.
- Formulate an initial proposal.

SUMMER BETWEEN YEARS 3 & 4

- Build a reading list.
- Refine your proposal.
- Develop a thesis grant proposal.
- Gain needed skills.

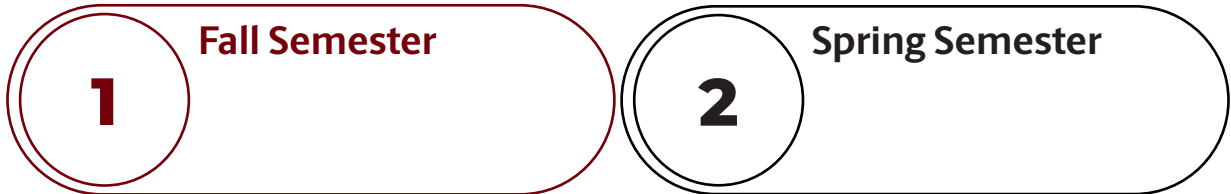
YEAR 4

- Develop strong work habits.
- Communicate regularly with your thesis director.
- Attend thesis workshops.
- Present at the Thesis Symposium.

Use the timeline on the back to make your own thesis plan!

WHAT'S YOUR PLAN?

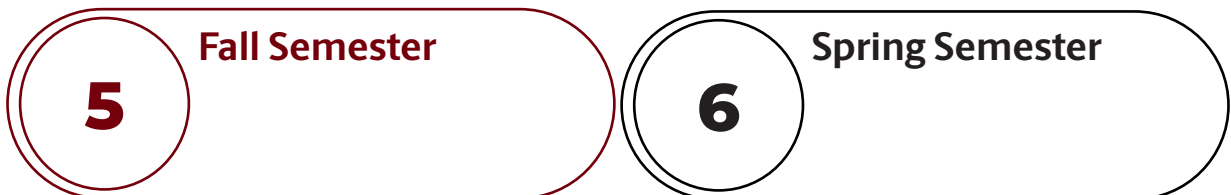
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YEAR 4 - Execute



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