

Dates Relevant to the Undergraduate Honors Thesis

Please note that these dates are tentative and based on last year's schedule. The College has not yet announced the due dates for this year

March 25: due date for departmental competition and for consideration towards a University-wide competition (the Borgman's thesis prize), to be submitted to the Professor Mal Semple and the DUGS (Chiye Aoki). This should be a version of the thesis that has been read and approved by your adviser. So, plan to give your adviser a completed version in time to allow for a few rounds of revisions.

Around April 7: Comments from faculty readers are returned to students. These comments are used to select the department's best thesis, to be considered for the University-wide, Borgman Prize competition. This gives the Borgman prize nominee about two weeks to revise and polish the thesis further.

April 15: Due date for the Honors thesis. Too late for the competitions, but this is early enough for DUGS to let the registrar's graduation office know that you've completed the thesis portion of the requirement for receiving the degree with honors. The College wants to list these students on the Commencement program, and for that, they want the names a month before the Commencement.

April 22: Date by which the CNS submits the best thesis, to be considered for the University-wide competition.

May 19: Commencement. The winner of the Borgman thesis prize will be announced.

Sometime towards the end of May: date by which the DUGS must report to the registrar's office a list of students that have completed all requirements to obtain a degree with honors.

Thesis Score Criteria

Last year, the thesis was evaluated using the following five criteria that were weighed equally.

- A. Clear elucidation of the research problem or goal, and its contribution to the field:
- B. Assessment of the student's original contribution to the research project:
- C. Methodological approach to carrying out the proposed research:
- D. Discussion and presentation of research findings/results:
- E. Overall presentation and execution of the thesis.