

TIMELINE FOR COMPLETION OF HONORS THESIS IN BIOLOGY

The Biology Department votes to award a bachelor's degree with Honors in Biology after completion of a student's senior research, a public presentation of that research, and submission of a written thesis to the Department. The candidate must also have maintained the necessary GPA in biology coursework. Along with the honors student's research advisor, two other faculty will be appointed to each candidate's thesis committee and will review and sign the accepted thesis. Other members of the department will read each of the theses submitted. The faculty of the department will vote whether or not to accept the theses submitted by honors candidates.

Candidates enrolled in the Biology Honors program should begin to write their thesis early in the winter/spring term (introduction, materials and methods) as scheduled with your research supervisor, but drafts of various sections **must be submitted** to your thesis committee according to the schedule listed below.

The Biology Department expects the following dates to be followed:

The 4th week of semester (week before Trinity Days):	Draft of first section to committee (usually Methods and Literature Cited, or Introduction section)
The week before Spring Vacation:	Draft of second section to committee (usually Introduction or Methods and Literature Cited sections)
The first week of April:	Draft of Results and Discussion sections to committee

The Biology Department has set the following deadlines for honors candidates (thesis writers). **These deadlines are NOT flexible.**

Last Friday in April:	Complete draft handed to advisor and thesis committee
Monday after April's last Friday:	Committee marked copies returned to candidates
First Friday in May:	Candidate's final version handed to advisor; advisor posts copies to faculty reading room
Faculty vote on honors candidates usually the Tuesday or Wednesday after the first Friday in May. If necessary, minor changes will be made by the candidate immediately after departmental acceptance.	