

Department: HDFS

Course number : HDFS 296W

Course title : Honors Thesis Writing

Number of Credits : 3

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Catalog Copy : HDFS 296HW Honors Thesis. Either semester. Three to six credits. Hours by arrangement. Prerequisite : Open only with consent of instructor to students in the Honors Program. Student must have a thesis advisor and have an approved thesis topic.

Individual study with student's honors thesis supervisor for the purpose of writing the honors thesis.

Course Information: a . HDFS honors students take HDFS 296H during their senior year under the supervision of the HDFS faculty members who serve as their honors thesis supervisors. In 296H, each student develops, drafts, writes, and revises (often 2 or more times) a 25 to 50 page research-based thesis. Students meet weekly with their faculty supervisor who gives them direction and feedback on their written work.

W Criteria : 1. The writing assignment is to write a thesis based on research the student has conducted. Honors Theses in HDFS are typically 25 to 50 pages. The writing of the thesis is the course, and if students do not write a thesis that meets the standards of an honors thesis, they do not get credit for the course.

2. The primary modes of writing instruction are (a)individual conferences of students with their respective faculty supervisors and (b) written commentary from faculty supervisors.

3. Students revise individual chapters or sections of their honors theses as they work toward their first complete draft. Students then revise the completed thesis at least once and usually more than that.

4) The syllabus for the course will inform students that they must pass the "W" component of the course in order to pass the course.

Role of Grad Students : none