

Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Honors Program Recommendations

Recommendations for Senior Year:

1. The advisor and student should meet in the first week of each semester to discuss (i) the student's coursework requirements (ii) a schedule of advising meetings for that semester (iii) a schedule of deadlines for thesis research and writing in that semester.
2. The Department recommends that the advisor and the student meet at least once a month. Meeting every two weeks, or even weekly, may be advisable at certain periods when research/writing requires intensive supervision.
3. The student is required to meet with the Director of Undergraduate Study once at the beginning of the Fall semester and once at the beginning of the Spring semester.
4. The full committee has to be confirmed by November 1. The Department recommends that the full committee meet together once in the Fall, while the student is still collecting data and/or fine-tuning their methodology.
5. IRB approval can take up to 6 weeks. IRB applications need to be submitted by October 15th or two months prior to contacting the research subjects, whichever comes first in the Honors year.
6. The Department recommends that students take a methods class or Honors tutorial in their home discipline, if possible.
7. The Department recommends the following as a template for thesis deadlines (this schedule may vary depending on research methodology and number of chapters):
 - September:* Preliminary reading, research proposal, pilot study
 - October:* Reading/data collection
 - November:* Reading/data collection
 - December 31:* Complete draft of chapter 1 due
 - January 31:* Complete draft of chapter 2 due
 - February 28:* Complete draft of chapter 3 due
 - March:* Revision of draft (and consultation with committee members); writing of Introduction/Preface/Conclusion
 - April 1:* Thesis due to committee
8. The student's thesis work is registered as a course in the Fall (WGS495A) and in the Spring (WGS495B). Students are required to make satisfactory progress on their thesis research in both semesters in order to meet requirements for this course.