Honors Thesis or Project Seminar

Seminar Format

These 6- or more-credit Honors Thesis or Project seminars require the approval of a syllabus by the Commonwealth College Curriculum Committee. They are taught in a classroom setting and are offered as 3-credit courses sequentially over two semesters.

Honors Thesis/Project seminars, like their Honors Thesis/Project-individually contracted counterparts, require major scholarly undertakings and a final research manuscript. In lieu of an oral defense, most Honors Thesis/Project seminars include a presentation to course members, the instructor, or both.

Registration

Most Honors Thesis or Project seminars are registered by students directly on SPIRE. Occasionally, registration may require instructor permission beforehand to ensure that students fully understand and are able to commit to course expectations. Such instructions will be noted in the course description in the Commonwealth Honors College online Honors Course Guide.

Faculty Syllabus Approval

Instructors who are interested in proposing an Honors Thesis or Project seminar must submit a Capstone Course Proposal form to the Commonwealth Honors College office for review by the Curriculum Committee. If the seminar is approved, and funding is available from Commonwealth Honors College or the instructor’s department, the Honors Thesis or Project seminar will be offered and advertised in the Commonwealth Honors College online Honors Course Guide.