

**The Honors College at the University of Maine
Academic Year 2020-2021: Important Dates & Deadlines**

**SEMESTER PRIOR TO TAKING HON 498: SPRING 2020
(FOR ANTICIPATED GRADUATION MAY 2021)**

- **Register for HON498** **Registration Week(s)**
- **Submit thesis proposal** **Week 13 (April 17, 2020)**
Complete a *Thesis Form 1 (Advisor and Proposal)* signed by you, your thesis advisor, and if necessary, your department's chair

HON 498 SEMESTER (FALL 2020)

- **Work on Thesis research** **DUE:**
- **Constitute thesis committee & hold thesis committee meeting** **Week 8 (Oct. 23, 2020)**
Submit *Thesis Form 2 (Thesis Committee)* with names and signatures of your committee members
- **Register for HON 499** **Registration Week(s)**

HON 499 SEMESTER (SPRING 2021)

- **Apply for May Graduation** **Deadline: Feb. 1, 2021**
- **Finalize reading list** **Week 4 (Feb. 12, 2021)**
Submit *Thesis Form 3 (Reading List)*, signed by your advisor
- **Determine date and time of your Thesis Defense** **Before Spring Break
(March 12, 2021)**
Submit *Thesis Form 4 (Defense Schedule)* signed by you and your thesis advisor
- **Thesis and Reading List to Committee** **Two weeks before defense**
Pre-defense thesis and annotated reading list to committee with approval of advisor.
- **Defend thesis** **Before classes end (April 30)**
Committee completes *Thesis Form 5 (Honors Recommendation)*, to be submitted by thesis advisor
- **Attend Honors Celebration Brunch** **Friday before Graduation
(May 7, 2021)**
- **Submit final post-defense thesis** **University deadline (~May 28)**
Thesis Form 6 (Final Acceptance) signed by thesis advisor, and an electronic version of thesis sent to the Honors College Associates (docx and PDF)

If you are completing your thesis on a different semester cycle, or if you have any questions, please check in with the Honors office (Estabrooke Hall).