

NEXT STOP, YOUR HONORS COLLEGE THESIS.

Thesis Map

1. Consult your major advisor to create an overall plan for completing the requirements for your degree(s).
2. Decide in which term you'll complete each stage of the Thesis Success in Stages (TheSIS) process. Consider other activities you will be engaged in when planning the timing of your thesis steps.
3. After you've considered the timing of your thesis steps, should you find you need additional guidance, please consult with your HC academic advisor.
4. Enter your plan at honors.oregonstate.edu/stage1. Follow the instructions in **Task 2**.
5. Plans change and we understand! But, if your thesis plans change, you **must** inform us by submitting a new map online. A link to update your map can be found on every **TheSIS Stage website**, or you can visit honors.oregonstate.edu/thesis-map-update.

Stage 1: Plan

*What is the value?
What does the requirement entail?
When do I need to do what?*

In this stage:

- Attend a Stage 1: Plan workshop
- Submit your Thesis Map online

Complete by:

Term: _____ Year: _____
within the first 3 HC terms

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Stage 2: Explore & Build

*What am I truly curious about?
What does research look like?
What qualities should I seek in a mentor?
How do I find a mentor?
What is the best project for me
considering my career and life goals?
What projects have other students
successfully done?*

In this stage:

- Enroll in HC 408:
Stage 2 – Explore & Build*
- OR** Complete the Stage 2 course
material online independently:
- Review an HC thesis
- Attend an HC student/faculty mixer
- Interview potential thesis mentors
- Complete Institutional Review Board
(IRB) online ethics training

Complete by:

Term: _____ Year: _____
within the first 6 HC terms

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Stage 3: Commit

*How do I define my question?
How do I make sure I finish my project
in time for graduation?*

In this stage:

- Enroll in HC 408: Stage 3 – Commit*
- OR** Complete the Stage 3 course
material online independently:
- Submit your approved Thesis
Proposal, Agreement, and Project
Timeline

Complete by:

Term: _____ Year: _____
at least 4 terms prior to graduation

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Stage 4: Compose & Complete

*What are the steps in writing my thesis?
How do I complete the thesis process?*

In this stage:

- Enroll in HC 408:
Stage 4 – Compose & Complete* **OR**
Complete the Stage 4 course
material online independently:
- Draft your thesis
- Revise your thesis with the help of
your mentor
- Defend your thesis
- Complete final revisions
- Complete your thesis poster
- Submit your thesis electronically

Complete by:

Term: _____ Year: _____
your graduation term or earlier

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**See reverse side for HC 408 course descriptions*

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Thesis Courses

The HC Thesis course curriculum is strongly recommended and can greatly assist you in completing your thesis. Students who take HC 408 Thesis: Stage 2, Stage 3, and/or Stage 4 will have the guidance of course instructors to complete the required tasks. Any or all of the three HC 408 Thesis courses will count towards fulfilling your HC thesis curriculum requirements. If you elect not to take these credit-bearing courses, you will rely on the information found in the TheSIS Guide, your mentor, and your HC academic advisor to complete the required tasks.

HC 408 Thesis: *Stage 2 – Explore & Build*

This course will guide you through the second stage of the Thesis Success in Stages (TheSIS) process, Stage 2. In Thesis: Stage 2 you will lay the groundwork for a successful thesis experience. You will focus on the value of the thesis, what it takes to successfully complete a thesis (e.g. identify a mentor, identify a topic, level of effort required, etc.), and you'll hear from students and faculty with experience in the thesis process. Thesis: Stage 2 will assist you in completing four tasks: 1) analyzing a completed thesis 2) meeting with faculty to learn about research opportunities 3) interviewing faculty as potential mentors and 4) completing online research ethics training. This class meets three times throughout the term and is offered in Fall, Winter, and Spring term.

Prerequisite: TheSIS Stage 1: Plan

Graded: P/N

Credits: 1 - Thesis/Research/Project

HC 408 Thesis: *Stage 3 – Commit*

This course will guide you through the third stage of the Thesis Success in Stages (TheSIS) process, Stage 3. During Thesis: Stage 3 you will select a thesis mentor, create a thesis statement, write a thesis proposal, and begin to develop a research plan. The course will require you to turn in a completed and signed Thesis Proposal, Agreement & Timeline by the end of the term. This course meets twice throughout the term and is offered in Fall, Winter, and Spring term.

Prerequisites: TheSIS Stage 1: Plan & Stage 2: Explore & Build

Graded: P/N

Credits: 1 - Thesis/Research/Project

HC 408 Thesis: *Stage 4 – Compose & Complete*

This course will guide you through the final stage of the Thesis Success in Stages (TheSIS) process, Stage 4. In Thesis: Stage 4 you will focus on drafting and revising the thesis, designing a successful poster, and preparing for the thesis defense. This course meets three times throughout the term and is offered in Fall, Winter, and Spring term.

Prerequisites: TheSIS Stage 1: Plan, Stage 2: Explore & Build, and Stage 3: Commit

Graded: P/N

Credits: 1 - Thesis/Research/Project