

## Honor College Senior Thesis Approval Process

### Departmental Endorsement:

The Honors College Senior Thesis must be approved by the faculty of the home unit (department or program) within which the student's major resides. The specifics of the approval process will be determined by the faculty of the home unit, but the evaluation process should include an evaluation of a written thesis and an oral presentation of the undergraduate research/project. Students must give copies (total of 4) of their HCOL Senior Thesis to the department Chairperson, 2 Faculty members, and the Director of the CALS Honors College Program, Douglas Johnson, who will evaluate the HCOL thesis. The copies should be given at least 1 week prior to the oral presentation. The Faculty mentor, in consultation with the department Chairperson, will determine the 2 Faculty members who will evaluate the DUR thesis. Student must coordinate the timing of their oral presentation with a department representative (usually staff in department office). The Director of the CALS Honors College Program, Douglas Johnson, must be present at the oral presentation.

Evidence of departmental/program endorsement of the HCOL Senior Thesis will be provided to the CALS Honors College Program Director (Douglas.Johnson@uvm.edu) by the Chair of the Department or the Director of the Program following successful completion of the oral presentation.

### Notes:

#### Oral Presentations:

Each home unit in CALS handles oral presentations for the HCOL Senior Thesis in a slightly different manner. It is the student's responsibility to find out what their own home unit requirements are so that the presentations may be scheduled in a timely manner.

#### Written Senior Thesis:

Formats for the HCOL Senior Thesis vary greatly depending on the nature of the research/project. It is the student's responsibility to work with the Research Mentor and the Chair/Director to determine on the most appropriate format for the written product.

#### DUR approval:

Automatic approval is given for DUR recipients.