

**The University of Southern Mississippi  
Honors College**

**Senior Honors**

**Curriculum and Requirements**

**HON 301** Prospectus Writing or research methodology course in major department – 3 credit hours.

Must be taken at least one year prior to the student's anticipated semester of graduation. Note that, to satisfy the HON 301 requirement, students must pass the class and submit the prospectus to the Honors College for approval.

**HON 492** Senior Thesis or major department 492 research course – 3 credit hours.

Students must register for a minimum of one hour of the 492 course in the semester immediately following completion of HON 301 and must continue to enroll for a minimum of one hour in the course each semester thereafter until the thesis is complete. Note that three credit hours and the thesis must be completed to satisfy the HON 492 requirement.

The Senior Thesis must be done in the area of the student's major unless specific approval is given by the Dean of the Honors College for a project in the area of the minor. In addition, when enrolled in the HON 492 or departmental thesis course, students must submit a [Progress Report on the Thesis](#) on two occasions each semester:

1. One or before the last day to drop full-semester courses ([Mid-semester Report](#)), and
2. On or before the Friday before final exam week ([End-of-semester Report](#)).

However, in the semester of graduation, students must submit only the Mid-semester Report as the completed thesis must be delivered to the Honors College two weeks prior to commencement.

**EXAM** Students must successfully complete a comprehensive examination in his or her major. At the student's request (one semester prior to graduation), the major department prepares and administers the exam.

**GPA** Students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25 to remain in Senior Honors.