

University of Southern Mississippi
School of Psychology
Honors College Thesis Guidelines

The research committee was tasked to develop some basic guidelines for what constitutes an acceptable Honors College Theses. We developed the guidelines to offer direction for the minimum elements that should be met to constitute a thesis without creating specific requirements given the diversity of science in the School.

Guidelines for minimum elements for an Honors College Thesis

1. Empirical data driven study (quantitative/qualitative/archival data)
2. Manuscript or graduate thesis format (representative of a research report in the field) including length and style.
3. Copyedited
4. References checked and APA style
5. Tables and figures are APA formatted
6. Following HC formatting guidelines (e.g., table of contents)

It is important to note that these are minimum guidelines and it would be optimal for an honors thesis to be treated as a paper you would submit for peer review and publication.

Suggested deadlines

The Honors College requires the director to review and approve each thesis prior to review at the Honors College. Because we are a larger unit it is recommended that the thesis be submitted to the School Director no later than the dates below for each Semester.

Typically, the Honors College due dates are November 15 for the fall semester and April 15 for the spring semester. Suggested due dates are based on these deadlines

November 1
April 1