

FYCS Seniors Honors Thesis/Project Guidelines

- Students with an upper division GPA of 3.75 or 3.85 qualify to graduate with high or highest honors, respectively, if they complete an honors project.
- Students who wish to complete a project should speak with any FYCS faculty member. Names and contact information can be obtained from the FYCS website.
- The thesis/project could include interviews, focus groups or a case study; a policy analysis; or an educational program module, including audiovisual materials, and evaluation. Original data collection is encouraged. The thesis advisor can guide the student in selecting an appropriate topic and methodology.
- Projects should be planned the semester before graduation and completed the semester of graduation. The proposal must be submitted by the third week of the semester of graduation.
- Students electing to do a thesis/project are required to submit the completed proposal forms to the thesis/project advisor. The proposal will be reviewed by the FYCS Honors Committee and be returned to the student and thesis/project advisor with information about approval and recommended revisions.
- The faculty advisor will prepare a written explanation of his/her expectations regarding the project. This will be submitted to the student and committee along with the student's proposal.
- Students have the option of registering for FYC 4909 while preparing the project. Students taking this independent study must register for a graded course if they are using the course for their Area of Specialization requirements. See your thesis advisor for assistance with registration.
- Students will be required to present their work at an Honors Seminar for students and faculty. This will be presented during the semester that the student graduates. The faculty thesis advisor will help you to arrange this meeting.
- Students must submit the required paperwork to the CALS Office of the Dean for Academic Programs (2002 McCarty) to meet deadlines for receiving the honors designation. For spring graduation, projects are usually due the first week in April.