WISE Honors: Timeline for Thesis Completion

Spring Semester of your Junior Year

Choose your Research Topic

- ☐ Begin brainstorming ideas for your research topic. Select a subject that you are both passionate about and that is feasible to explore within the scope of the Senior Thesis/Project.

Secure a Faculty Mentor

- ☐ Identify a full-time tenured or tenure-track faculty member at Stony Brook University who is not on leave or planning to go on leave during the two semesters of your project. Your faculty mentor is expected to meet with you regularly—at least bi-weekly or weekly—and must approve your research topic.

Submit the Senior Thesis Intent Form

- ☐ Complete and submit the Senior Thesis Intent Form by the last day of classes.

Fall Semester of your Senior Year

Research & Literature Review:

- ☐ Develop a Senior Project/Thesis plan with a timeline.
- ☐ Conduct your research under the guidance of your faculty mentor.

Progress Report:

- ☐ Submit Progress Report via email to wise_thesis@stonybrook.edu by last week of class for HON 496 enrollment only.

Grading

- ☐ All students enrolled in WSE 495 will receive an "R" as a placeholder.
- ☐ This grade will change once a grade has been submitted for WSE 496 by the faculty mentor. Both sections will automatically receive the same grade.

Spring Semester of your Senior Year

Complete Research and Begin Thesis:

- ☐ Complete your research and start writing your thesis under the guidance of your faculty mentor.

Thesis Requirements:

- ☐ The thesis must be single-authored and generally 15-25 double-spaced pages, though the length will depend on the nature of the project.

Thesis Submission

- ☐ Submit your written work to your faculty mentor and to the Honors College (wise_thesis@stonybrook.edu) by the last day of classes.

Poster Presentations

- ☐ Present at the University Honors Senior Symposium held at the end of the Spring semester.

Grading:

- ☐ Final thesis paper/written work are due by the last day of classes.
- ☐ Faculty mentor will post grades for WSE 495 and WSE 496.