

## **Latina and Latino Studies Program Guidelines for Honors Thesis Students**

### **Goals:**

The Honors Program in Latina and Latino Studies provides a wonderful opportunity for students to explore an area of interest to them in depth. Students work closely with their advisor and two readers to produce a substantial piece of scholarship or another form of presentation (e.g., video, art, theatre) in the interdisciplinary field of Latina and Latino Studies. The thesis program aims to provide students with the maximum flexibility for pursuing their interests while assuring the rigorous standards of excellence required to receive Honors at the completion of their project. The final project, completed over one semester and winter study, may be a research thesis of thirty to forty-five pages, or another form of presentation, or combine a shorter research thesis with another medium.

### **Eligibility:**

- Declared concentrator
- Grade point average generally of at least 3.3 in LATS courses
- Approval of project proposal in spring of Junior year
- The honor's course and winter study are in addition to the five courses required for the concentration

### **Application:**

- Students must submit a project proposal by the last day of the spring classes of their junior year
- The proposal should include the project's aims and methodology, identify the student's advisor for the project, and include evidence of competence in the relevant media for non-thesis forms
- The proposal should also indicate courses that have prepared the student for the specific topic of and/or approach to the thesis research
- Please note if you plan to build on seminar paper or another project.
- The proposal should be no longer than 5 pages

### **Timeline:**

- After your proposal is approved, you should meet with your advisor to discuss your goals for the summer
- After your proposal is approved, your advisor, in consultation with the Chair, will identify two additional readers for your project
- If you are doing your thesis during the fall semester, during the first two weeks of the semester you will submit to your advisor and your readers a revised proposal with an annotated bibliography
  - By the first day of Reading Period, the student must provide a 15-page working draft of the substantive chapter or its equivalent to their advisor.
  - By Thanksgiving break, the student must provide the substantive chapter or its equivalent to their advisor and readers

- If you are doing your thesis during the spring semester, by the last day of Winter Study you will submit to your advisor and your readers a revised proposal with an annotated bibliography
  - By Winter Carnival, the student must provide a 15-page working draft of the substantive chapter or its equivalent to their advisor.
  - By the end of Spring Recess, the student must provide the substantive chapter or its equivalent to their advisor and readers
- Your advisor will set additional deadlines for you to submit your work and your readers may request additional work from you
- Your finished thesis will be due to your advisor and your readers at least one week before your oral presentation
- It is your responsibility to be familiar with and to meet the College set deadlines for submissions of honors theses, and their other requirements, which are available on the Library web page

**Reminders:**

- Acceptance into the Honors program does not mean that you will receive Honors; this is not automatic. On-going communication with your advisor and your readers is critical. Whether or not to award honors, as well as your semester and winter study grades, are determined by the Latina and Latino Studies Program, and includes your advisor and two readers.
- Time will go much more quickly than you anticipate. Figure out the deadlines and work backward, making sure that you leave time for your advisor and readers to read and for you to revise.
- Missing deadlines may result in you not receiving Honors for your work.