

Honors Thesis Requirement Grid

HONORS PROGRAM

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

The University Honors Program (UHP) requires an Honors thesis for each degree with Latin Honors at any level. In order to be eligible for graduation with Latin Honors, students must be admitted to UHP, have 60 graded UMTC credits, and have met all honors course work and Honors Experience requirements. The level of Latin Honors a student receives is ultimately contingent upon the quality of the Honors Thesis, as determined by faculty approval.

	GPA (last 60 graded credits)	Thesis Faculty Approval	Oral Examination	Thesis Evaluation Criteria (all levels)
Summa Cum Laude	≥ 3.750	<p>Requires three signatures:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tenured/tenure-track faculty member in major 2. Tenured/tenure-track faculty member 3. Tenured/tenure-track faculty member OR adjunct faculty member/other individual with special expertise pertinent to your topic <p>ONE of these individuals must be designated as the <i>thesis supervisor</i> and the other two as <i>readers</i>. Colleges or departments may require that one reader be outside the major.</p>	Required	<p>Represents the culmination of the student's scholarly or creative work in the major field. Type of project varies depending on the major. Should be of the highest quality and in all cases must demonstrate that the student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Has developed excellent writing skills; - Understands the project's relevance to the field of study and/or to society; - Is able to apply theories and methods of research, analysis, or interpretation, or artistic techniques, appropriate to the field; - Has cited appropriate sources; - Is able to critically examine the work of other scholars or artists and relate that work to the thesis; - Has contributed original research, ideas, knowledge, interpretations, or creative expression, at a level appropriate for undergraduate study, such that the thesis goes beyond describing existing work.
Magna Cum Laude	≥ 3.660	<p>Requires the signature of at least one tenured or tenure-track faculty member in your major, or (in certain colleges) the undergraduate dean. Colleges or departments may require additional readers.</p>	Not Required	
Cum Laude	≥ 3.500			