

Writing and Defending an Honors Thesis in IPHY: Student Guide

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the text (e.g., see Table X), and also indicate the main “take home point” about the figures/tables in the text.

(6) *Discussion:* In this section, summarize and interpret results, discuss potential strengths and weakness of the results in a constructive manner, talk about other studies that either contradict or corroborate your results,

3. **Archival Copy**

This copy will be submitted *after* your defense (and includes any changes requested by your defense committee) but remember that your Honors designation is decided by your Honors defense committee based on your defense copy of thesis. Upload the final copy of thesis to the Undergraduate Honors Theses repository on CU Scholar by 3:00 pm on the published date.

II. Getting Started

1. **Developing a Research Question**

Great research questions address gaps in the current literature, but are able to build on previous research. It is perfectly okay to follow the suggestion for a suitable research question/project from the advisor you choose, and later

3. *Writing*

Start early! We highly recommend you take IPHY 3700, Scientific Writing in Integrative Physiology, the semester before you defend your thesis. See Tables 2 and 3 for suggested timelines.



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Title of Thesis (Capitalized)

By

(Student name)

Table 2 Honors deadlines for Spring Graduation

Early October (check Honors website for actual date)	Submit 2-page (hard copy) application to A&S Honors program (Room M400M in Norlin) with <i>all required signatures!</i> www.colorado.edu/honors/graduation
6 weeks before your defense*	Submit a working copy of your thesis to your advisor; by this time, you should have at least an outline of your thesis prepared
4 weeks before your defense*	Submit a first full draft of your thesis to your advisor, and expect there to be 2-4 renditions after this draft before your final defense copy can be submitted to the committee
At least 1 week before your defense (not including Spring Break)	Submit the final defense copy of your thesis to your whole committee.
April 11, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. (this date may change from year to year)	Last day to defend thesis. Defense Copy of thesis due to Honors Program Office in Norlin (M400M) by 3:00 p.m.

Table 3 Honors deadlines for Fall Graduation

Early May (check Honors website for actual date)	Submit 2-page (hard copy) application to A&S Honors program (Room M400M in Norlin) with <i>all required signatures!</i> www.colorado.edu/honors/graduation
6 weeks before your defense	Submit a working copy of your thesis to your advisor; by this time, you should have at least an outline of your thesis prepared
4 weeks before your defense	Submit a first full draft 284.16 13.67999 re f 0 9 r (u) -4 (tli-1 (