

# Honors Thesis Format Guidelines

## 1. Title Page including the following information

USE THE TITLE PAGE TEMPLATE

- Title
- Student's name
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- Faculty Thesis Advisor's name
- Department and College
- Signatures of student, faculty advisor, and honors college director

**2. Abstract:** Include your two-page abstract after the approval page. Write it in language that a general academic audience can understand.

**3. Table of Contents:** Develop a table of contents that guides the reader to the various sections of your paper.

**4. List of Figures and Tables:** If two or more figures or tables appear in the main body of your paper, you should include a list of figures/tables after the Table of Contents.

**5. Main Body of Paper:** There is a 25-page minimum, signature page, abstract, Table of Contents, and Lists of Figures) (not including the title page for the thesis, which must be printed as double-spaced single-spaced pages. The numbering of the thesis pages is determined by the style guide used. The paper should have one-inch margins, and be typed using 12-point font. All papers must be written in English. You should carefully proofread your paper so that there are no spelling or grammatical errors.

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MLA Handbook.

**Biology**

CBE Manual and Day, How to Write and Publish a Scientific Paper.

**Chemistry**

Journal of American Chemical Society yearly issue and Handbook for Authors of Papers in Journals of the American Chemical Society.

**Computer Science**

See your advisor.

**Economics and Business**

See your advisor.

**English**

MLA Handbook.

**Modern Languages**

Turabian, A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses and Dissertations (most recent edition).

**History**

Turabian, A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses and Dissertations (most recent edition).  
ACK! Chicago Manual of Style!

**Mathematics**

See your advisor.

**Performing Arts**

MLA Handbook, Chicago Manual of Style.

**Philosophy**

See your Advisor.

**Physics**

See your Advisor.

**Political Science**

American Political Science Review.

**Psychology**

Publication Manual of the APA (most recent edition).

**Sociology/Anthropology/Criminal Justice**

Publication Manual of the APA (most recent edition)