

MATHEMATICS HONORS TIMELINE FOR 1/C MIDSHIPMEN, CLASS OF 2010

FALL SEMESTER

Dec 2 (Wed): Honors project proposal due to the chair of the Honors committee. This proposal should include a short description of the planned project with a worded discussion of the problem to be solved. It should also name the faculty mentor(s). The format for the proposal (ACDEANINST 1531.79) will be sent electronically to the students and their mentors in advance. The Department Chair will forward the proposals to the research office.

SPRING SEMESTER

Jan 29 (Fri): Initial report due (in electronic form) to the chair of the Honors Committee. This report should include the project title, a good start on the introductory material, stating the problem of study in more detail than the course proposal for SM496 submitted in the fall semester as well as a list of references. If this and subsequent reports are not submitted by the deadline, the Honors Committee will meet with the student and, if there are no sufficient extenuating circumstances, recommend to the mentor a letter grade deduction in SM496.

Feb 26 (Fri): The Honors Committee, in consultation with mentors, will provide the names of two readers for each project. Where possible, one reader should be a member of the Honors Committee.

Feb 26 (Fri): First draft due to the chair of the Honors Committee. This draft should include a detailed statement of the problem and methodology and progress on all later parts (in outline form at least) of the thesis. Faculty readers should provide feedback to the project mentors by Monday, March 8.

April 2 (Fri): Second draft due to the chair of the Honors Committee. This version should be nearly complete. Research should be almost done, grammar should be correct, and proofs should be nearly complete. Pictures, graphics, and formatting do not have to be in final form. Faculty readers should provide feedback before Monday, April 12, to be incorporated in the student's final written Honors paper.

Mid April (date to be announced): Service Academy Student Mathematics Conference, hosted by US Air Force Academy. Honors students are strongly encouraged to attend and give presentations about their theses.

Apr 26 (Mon): Final written Honors paper due to the chair of the Honors Committee. The paper will be forwarded to the faculty readers for a final review.

Apr 29-May 3 (Thu-Mon): Oral presentation (20 minute talk, 5-10 minutes for questions) to the Mathematics Department Faculty.

May 4 (Tue): Submit 3 hard copies and one electronic copy of the final written Honors paper to the Mathematics Department.

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