

## **MATHEMATICS RESEARCH COURSES / HONORS PROJECTS TIMELINE FOR SPRING 2020**

### **FALL SEMESTER**

**Nov 6 (Wed):** Honors project proposal due to the chair of the Honors committee. It should name the faculty mentor(s). This proposal should include a short description of the planned project with a carefully worded discussion of the problem to be solved (with bibliography); the project must be endorsed by the faculty mentor. The format for the proposal (ACDEANINST 1531.79) will be sent electronically to the students and their advisers after pre-registration. The Department Chair will forward the proposals to the research office.

### **SPRING SEMESTER**

**Jan 22 (Wed):** 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. The report must be endorsed by the faculty mentor (who may require it before Jan 17).

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 19 (Wed):** First draft due to the chair of the Honors Committee; it must be endorsed by the faculty mentor, who may set an earlier deadline. 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. 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. Faculty readers should provide feedback to the project mentors by Monday, February 24.

**Mar 30 (Mon):** Second draft due to the chair of the Honors Committee; it must be endorsed by the faculty mentor, who may set an earlier deadline. 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, Apr. 6, to be incorporated in the student's final written Honors paper.

**Apr 22 (Wed):** Final written Honors paper due to the chair of the Honors Committee; it must include the faculty mentor's endorsement in the form of her/his signature on the cover form. The paper will be forwarded to the faculty readers for a final review.

**Apr 23-Apr 29 (Thr-Wed):** Oral presentation (20-25 minute talk, 5-10 minutes for questions) to the Mathematics Department Faculty.

**Apr 28 (Tue):** Submit 2 hard copies and one electronic copy of the final written Honors paper to the Mathematics Department.