BACHELOR’S HONORS THESIS POLICY

Honors students should pursue a senior thesis. This involves the presentation of a seminar and the writing of a document, both of which describe their research. There are specific guidelines that a student pursuing the Honors Thesis should follow, those of which are outlined below.

Theses must state the problem to be studied, summarize previous knowledge, make some advance, and indicate its significance.

1. A thesis proposal, signed by the proposed thesis advisor, should be submitted to the Physics Undergraduate Advisor in Broida 3019 at least three quarters before the quarter in which the thesis will be finished, even if the student is not registered for that quarter.

2. Any Physics Department ladder faculty member of permanent research staff member is an acceptable thesis advisor.

3. If you want to do a thesis under the supervision of a faculty member outside the Physics Department, fill out the thesis proposal and submit it as above. You will be notified if a departmental co-supervisor is required.

4. The total amount of academic credit that can be earned for a thesis may not exceed 10 units. Note that one unit corresponds to 3 hours of work per week in a 10 week quarter.

5. You must submit one copy of your final thesis to the Physics Department, via your undergraduate faculty advisor. It should be printed double-spaced and single-sided on archival bond paper with original signatures, formatted as described for graduate student theses (see formats described in links on http://www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/academic/thesis/).

6. Your thesis must be signed by your thesis advisor and must be presented and submitted to the Undergraduate Faculty Advisors Committee (through your undergraduate faculty advisor) for their approval. This must be done before the last day of classes in the quarter you intend to graduate.

7. To complete your Honors Thesis, you must also make arrangements to give a seminar about your thesis work before the last day of classes in the quarter you intend to graduate. The seminar must be open to the public and advertised within the Physics Department.

8. Ask the Undergraduate Staff Advisor to book a Broida room for the presentation to Undergraduate Faculty Advisors and another room for the seminar.