

Application to Enroll in Senior Thesis FANR 4600

Name: _____ Email: _____
Application Date: _____ Anticipated Graduation Date: _____
Current cumulative GPA: _____ Current Warnell GPA: _____

How does participation in Senior Thesis relate to your future plans?
Describe your general or specific research interests:
List relevant courses you have taken:
List relevant research or other experiences:

I have reviewed and understand the requirements and process (see page 2) for completion of Senior Thesis.

Thesis applicant: _____
Print name applicant's signature

I have reviewed the requirements and expected process for completion of Senior Thesis with this student, and agree to serve as their thesis advisor. I have reviewed and approved the research prospectus included with this application.

Thesis advisor: _____
Print name thesis advisor's signature

Committee member : _____
Print name committee member's signature

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- For applicants that do not meet minimum GPA requirements, please attach letters of appeal (1) from the applicant and (2) the thesis advisor.
- Please attach a 1-2 page research prospectus to your application. The prospectus should include a tentative title, general background and research questions, general methods you will use including potential statistical analyses, and anticipated results and significance of the proposed research. The prospectus may be written for a general audience, and need not be overly technical in detail.

_____ Approved by: _____
Date Sarah F. Covert, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Guidelines for Initiating and Completing Senior Thesis (FANR 4600)

1. Academic advisors should discuss Senior Project and Senior Thesis with advisees no later than the student's second semester.
2. Students interested in Senior Thesis should search for and identify a potential thesis advisor by the end of their second semester.
3. During the third semester, the student should develop a research prospectus and assemble an Advisory Committee composed of the faculty supervisor and two additional faculty members. *Students are encouraged to include a committee member from outside their specific area of study.*
4. Students must submit the standard application for Senior Thesis that includes a 1-2 page prospectus developed with and approved by the faculty advisor [*Advisors may require an additional research proposal independent of your prospectus*]. Applications are due to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs no later than the midterm date of the semester prior to enrolling in Senior Thesis and before starting work on the project. Once the Associate Dean has approved and signed the application, it must be delivered to Matthew Head, Academic Advisor, in order to clear the student for registration.
5. While enrolled in Senior Thesis, students may be required to attend selected Senior Project classes. The thesis advisor, in consultation with the Senior Project instructors, will determine any mandatory classes. It is the responsibility of the student to know the dates of these classes, and it is the responsibility of the thesis advisor to verify that the student has attended the mandatory classes and to determine the penalty for failure to attend. The faculty advisor may substitute attendance at similar professional development programs for attendance in Senior Project classes.
6. Students enrolled in Senior Thesis must submit a defendable draft to their faculty advisor and committee members no later than 2 weeks prior to the date of the oral presentation. Students that do not submit a defendable draft at least 2 weeks prior to their oral presentation will be prohibited from presenting their thesis until the next semester. They will receive an Incomplete for Senior Thesis until the presentation is done.
7. Students must present their thesis orally in conjunction with Senior Project presentations.
8. Senior thesis students are required to attend a minimum number of Senior Thesis/senior project presentations. The number of presentations required will be determined by the Senior Project instructors and will be the same number required of Senior Project students. It is the responsibility of the student to know the number of presentations they are required to attend, the Senior Project instructors will verify attendance, and the thesis advisors are obligated to penalize their students that do not attend the minimum number of presentations. Penalties should be proportionate to the number of presentations missed and consistent with penalties applied in Senior Project.
9. Students should submit a revised final draft of their thesis to their thesis advisor. Advisors are encouraged to meet with students to discuss how they addressed criticisms, and to consider whether and how a student handled revisions in determining the student's grade.