

# **Health And Sport Studies Department Honors**

## **Introduction:**

Departmental Honors in Health and Sport Studies is a program designed to honor some of our best students who have achieved excellence in the classroom, particularly research-related work. Departmental Honors in Health and Sport Studies are separate from the University Honors Program, although the research component for Departmental Honors may fulfill the research requirement for University Honors. Students are NOT required to be a member of the University Honors Program to complete Departmental Honors in Health and Sport Studies.

## **Health and Sport Studies (HSS) Departmental Honors Qualifications:**

1. A minimum of five HSS courses completed by the end of the junior year.
2. HSS and cumulative grade point averages of 3.50 or higher
3. Completion of honors thesis that meets the specifications of the thesis committee

**Note:** Acceptance into the program does not guarantee graduating with Departmental Honors.

## **Timeline and Process for completing Departmental Honors**

Final draft of Honors Thesis to committee members for review (senior year): Over the course of the semester, students will write a comprehensive Honors Thesis based on the research project developed with the Faculty Supervisor. Copies of the thesis are distributed to the Honors Thesis Committee for review. The exact thesis submission date will be at the discretion of the Committee Chairperson in consultation with the student and the other Thesis Committee members but will fall no later than 1-week prior April 15th.

Honors defense: The oral defense of the Honor's Thesis to the Honors Thesis Committee will occur no later than April 15th on a date/time set by the Thesis Committee Chairperson in consultation with the student. The defense typically includes a 20-30 minute PowerPoint presentation summarizing the research to the