Psychology Thesis Seminar and Timeline
Spring 2026

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Welcome to the final stretch for the senior honors thesis! We hope you find this a rewarding and meaningful educational experience.

Spring semester expectations for completing a Psychology thesis with Psychology faculty members:

In general, thesis students spend spring term coding and analyzing data, re-writing the literature review and methods section for the final thesis document, and adding the new sections of Results and Discussion. The completed thesis is due by **4:00 PM on Wednesday, May 6th.**

Thesis students give a **presentation** to the psychology department students and faculty the last week of classes. Thesis students are expected to attend the Research Methods Poster Session and any departmental talks that occur in the spring. These are an important part of your educational experience. Students should discuss with their advisor whether there will be a defense and the timing of that defense.   This frequently occurs during finals period.

DATE	Thesis Schedule: Spring Semester 2026
Wednesday March 11th Thesis Info Session (*Current thesis students need not attend*)	**Thesis information session** for 2025-2026 7 PM EST, Zoom link will be sent
Tuesday, April 28th	**Research Methods Poster Session –** Great Hall 4:30 to 5:30
Tuesday, May 5, 4:30-5:30 pm Location TBD	**Practice session** for presentations, MBH 219. Each student will present and get feedback from the group.
Wednesday, May 6, 4:00 p.m.	**Submit completed thesis.** Give a copy to advisor and each committee member. Advisor will likely want a hard copy and an electronic copy.
Friday, May 8th, 12:30 pm	**Thesis Presentations**, 12:30, MBH 219. Invite your family and friends!
Finals Period	Check with advisor about timing of a possible defense
Tuesday, May 19th, by 4 pm	**Submit final revised thesis for binding to Nancy Peters, MBH 282.** Nancy will send out instructions 2-4 weeks in advance about what the final copy should look like.