Heavener School of Business
Finance Honors Thesis Requirements

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS
To graduate with honors, Heavener School of Business students must earn the specified GPA for their catalog year in **ALL THREE** of the following areas: 1) overall UF GPA, 2) business core GPA, and 3) major GPA. In addition, students who wish to graduate magna and summa cum laude must write an honors thesis (see guidelines below). To be eligible to enroll in an honors thesis course, you must complete 90 credit hours and have the GPAs required for the magna cum laude designation. Note: [University Scholars Program](http://www.honors.ufl.edu/Faculty-Tips.aspx) research papers can be used to fulfill the honors thesis requirement.

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THESIS REQUIREMENTS
To graduate with the magna or summa cum laude honors designation, students must conduct an empirical research project (e.g., an observational study, survey, or experiment) that is commensurate with the standards in their field and then report their findings in a formal research paper. There are countless research topics to choose from; however, very few Internet-related topics will be approved. Students are encouraged to explore their own interests, or to take part in a faculty member’s research project and to use that project as a basis for an honors thesis. In general, an honors thesis must be supervised by a faculty member who has an understanding of the subject you plan to research. Faculty supervisors can oversee no more than two honors theses each semester, so pre-planning is essential. For tips on finding a faculty supervisor, see [http://www.honors.ufl.edu/Faculty-Tips.aspx](http://www.honors.ufl.edu/Faculty-Tips.aspx).

In addition to securing a faculty advisor, students must obtain departmental approval for their project from the FIRE department in 321 Stuzin Hall via the attached [Heavener School of Business Undergraduate Honors Thesis Application below](http://www.honors.ufl.edu/Faculty-Tips.aspx). If your project is approved, the FIRE department will give you permission to register for FIN 4970 which is a one credit honors thesis course that is taken for a Satisfactory (S) or Unsatisfactory (U) grade. You are expected to enroll in this course by the end of the drop/add period. The faculty supervisor is responsible for determining if your thesis is satisfactory and for submitting your final grade.

THESIS SUBMISSION PROCESS
1) When your thesis is approved, submit a hard copy of your paper to the supervising department by the **published deadline** along with a **typewritten** copy of the [Honors Thesis Submission Form](http://www.honors.ufl.edu/Faculty-Tips.aspx).

2) Complete an online [Honors Thesis Abstract Submission Form](http://www.honors.ufl.edu/Faculty-Tips.aspx) and submit an electronic copy of your thesis to the UF Honors Program Office.

3) University Scholars must also submit a copy of their paper to the Journal of Undergraduate Research at [cgreer@ufl.edu](mailto:cgreer@ufl.edu) by the **published deadline**.

If you have questions regarding your honors thesis, contact the finance department Honors Coordinator:

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Heavener School of Business
Undergraduate Honors Thesis Application

Part I: Student Information

Name: _______________________________  UF ID: ________________
UF E-mail Address: __________________________  Major: ________________

Part II: Verification of GPAs (Must be completed by an advisor in 233 Bryan Hall.)

□ < 2002 Catalog Year (3.6 magna/3.8 summa)  □ > 2003 Catalog Year (3.7 magna/3.9 summa)
_____Core GPA  _____Major/Area GPA  _____UF GPA

Heavener School of Business Advisor’s Signature: __________________________________________

The applicant must earn these grades to earn a magna or summa cum laude (circle one) designation:

__________________________________________________________________________

Part III: Supervising Faculty and Department Approval

Honors Thesis Title: ____________________________________________________________

Thesis Description: ____________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________
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Student’s Signature: ____________________________________________________________

Supervising Faculty: ____________________________________________________________ (approval)

Honors Coordinator: ____________________________________________________________ (approval)

Course: _________  Section #: ________  Credit: ________  Semester: __________  Year: ________

Honors Thesis Submissions Deadline: Deliver one copy of your thesis and one copy of your typewritten Honors Thesis Submission Form to the supervising department by the published deadline.