

Department of English Thesis: Calendar 2025-27

Date	Junior Year	Senior Year
Fall Semester		Seniors writing theses are Enrolled in English 498 (Thesis Colloquium-Literature) or English 491 (Thesis Colloquium-Creative Writing).
~ October 15	Junior Questionnaire is Distributed; Juniors are instructed to return it to their Advisors by the Sunday before Advising Week . We hope that interested thesis-writers will identify themselves.	
October 27 - 31: Advising Week	Advisors, using the Junior Questionnaire, identify likely thesis writers and plan out student's remaining three semesters with the thesis in mind.	
November 3 - 11: Registration		Thesis writers register for English 499 using the online "Special Registration Form," with their adviser as the instructor.
Spring Semester		
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Late January	Descriptions of the next year's Senior Seminar e-mailed to all Juniors, as a way of helping them plan out their senior projects.	
February 1	By this date, students intending to write senior theses need to submit to Professor Hager (literature) or Professor Berry (creative writing) a Declaration of Intention to write a thesis.	
April 1	Thesis Proposals (c. 5 pages) due.	
April 15		Senior Theses due

	After the proposal has been accepted by the Thesis Committee, the student will be allowed to register for 498 (Thesis Colloquium). For Registration procedures, see below.	
April 15		Senior theses due.
May 9		Senior Grades Due Archival Copies of Theses Due at Department Office
Late Spring (before end of semester)	Proposals reviewed by Thesis Committee. Juniors who have received the approval of the thesis committee register for English 498.	

Registering for the Thesis: The **Thesis Proposal** must be signed by the advisor and then submitted to the Thesis Committee. Students will be informed, by the end of the semester, of their standing. If the proposal meets the approval of the Thesis Committee, they may register for **ENGL 498** using the Registrar's online Special Registration Form.