

## **DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY – Thesis Guidelines**

All of the Honors theses in psychology are expected to be high quality work following APA standards. Most of the theses are experimental in nature and thus require the following:

- An APA-style proposal and review by the department's Internal Review Board.
- A write-up, following APA guidelines, similar to what one would submit to a professional journal.
- A more extensive literature review than would be done for a journal article.
- Appropriate advanced statistical analyses.
- The writing should be clear, concise, and crafted along scientific guidelines.

There are no guidelines for number of pages or of sources.

Normally the literature review and data collection are done during the first semester, and the statistical analysis and final writing should be conducted during the second semester. The writing needs to be almost complete by February, so that students can submit their work to the Carolinas Psychology Conference.

The student will confer with her departmental adviser about the timetable for her work, the length of the final report, her public presentation, and so on.