

## Writing and Defending an Honors Thesis in IPHY: Student Guide

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the text (e.g., see Table X), and also indicate the main “take home point” about the figures/tables in the text.

(6) *Discussion:* In this section, summarize and interpret results, discuss potential strengths and weakness of the results in a constructive manner, talk about other studies that either contradict or corroborate your results,

### 3. **Archival Copy**

This copy will be submitted *after* your defense (and includes any changes requested by your defense committee) but remember that your Honors designation is decided by your Honors defense committee based on your defense copy of thesis. Upload the final copy of thesis to the Undergraduate Honors Theses repository on CU Scholar by 3:00 pm on the published date.

## **II. Getting Started**

### 1. **Developing a Research Question**

Great research questions address gaps in the current literature, but are able to build on previous research. It is perfectly okay to follow the suggestion for a suitable research question/project from the advisor you choose, and later

### 3. *Writing*

Start early! We highly recommend you take IPHY 3700, Scientific Writing in Integrative Physiology, the semester before you defend your thesis. See Tables 2 and 3 for suggested timelines.



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Title of Thesis (Capitalized)

By

(Student name)

Table 2 Honors deadlines for Spring Graduation

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Early October (check Honors website for actual date) | Submit 2-page (hard copy) application to A&S Honors program (Room M400M in Norlin) with <i>all required signatures!</i><br><a href="http://www.colorado.edu/honors/graduation">www.colorado.edu/honors/graduation</a> |
| 6 weeks before your defense*                         | Submit a working copy of your thesis to your advisor; by this time, you should have at least an outline of your thesis prepared   |
| 4 weeks before your defense*                         |   |

Table 3 Honors deadlines for Fall Graduation

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| Early May (check Honors website for actual date) | Submit 2-page (hard copy) application to A&S Honors program (Room M400M in Norlin) with <i>all required signatures!</i><br><a href="http://www.colorado.edu/honors/graduation">www.colorado.edu/honors/graduation</a> |
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