

Recommended timeline to complete a formal honors thesis in chemistry

<b>Graduating</b>	<b>Task to be completed</b>	<b>Graduating</b>
Spring Semester		Fall Semester
September 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss with your research adviser that you have the necessary academic credentials (GPA).</li> <li>• Also discuss and plan for remaining experiments and research needed to produce a complete thesis.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>7 months until graduation</b></p>	April 31
November 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete the majority of necessary background literature work. Most of this should now be assembled into a reasonable introduction.</li> <li>• Prepare summary tables and figures that will be included in your thesis.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>5 months until graduation</b></p>	June 30
January 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Present to your adviser an initial draft of your complete thesis using the prescribed format.</li> <li>• Note in your draft any remaining experiments, and incomplete discussion points that will be forthcoming.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>3.5 months until graduation</b></p>	August 31
Before the end of the third full week of the semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete the Honors in Majors Form and Thesis Release Form. Submit these completed forms to Registrar.</li> </ul>	Before the end of the third full week of the semester
March 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Present to your adviser a final draft for review.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>1.5 months until graduation</b></p>	October 15
April 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submit to your adviser and committee a complete copy of your thesis.</li> <li>• Post/advertise the date/time/room of your thesis defense presentation.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>1 month until graduation</b></p>	November 1
~April 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Give a 20 min oral summary (+ 10 min for questions) and defense of your honors research project. This should include your committee and is open to the public.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>2-3 weeks until graduation</b></p>	~November 15