Comparative Literature Honors Thesis Procedures: Timeline and Checklist*

Spring Semester, Junior Year

- Choose general thesis topic.
- Choose Advisors and discuss the topic further.
- Complete Thesis Application Form by mid semester and return to Director of Undergraduate Studies.
- Register for CMPL 691H for Fall semester.
- Create summer reading list with advisor before classes end: 10-15 works.

Fall Semester, Senior Year

- Take CMPL 691H: one-hour weekly meeting with advisor.
- Turn in 5-page prospectus by fourth week of classes, including general description of topic, approach, thesis, outline of chapters, and bibliography.
- Approval of prospectus by CMPL faculty.
- Turn in a revised draft of Chapter One to Thesis Advisor and CMPL by end of Thanksgiving break.
- Register for CMPL 98 for Spring semester.

Spring Semester, Senior Year

- Take CMPL 692H: one-hour weekly meeting with advisor.
- Turn in draft of second chapter by first week of classes.
- Meet with Director of Undergraduate Studies (DUG) and other honors students in CMPL regarding defense procedures.
- Full Draft of Thesis due to all readers by beginning of Spring Vacation.
- Speak to CMPL Office Manager and readers to schedule a defense date (and to reserve the conference room) by end of March.
- 250-word abstract and key words (for the Honors Thesis Archive) due to Thesis Advisor and DUG for approval by the end of March.
- Oral defense with all thesis readers by end of first week of April.
- Submit your abstract and key words via on-line registration at http://www.honors.unc.edu by end of first week of April. (Please be careful in filling out this form, as you will not be able to alter your registration once you have submitted it.)
- Two copies of final, revised draft of thesis (in official format) due to CMPL Office Manager by last week of classes.

*These dates are all based on the assumption of a May graduation. Different deadlines will apply to a December graduation.