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Stand out
after
graduation?

OFFICE OF STUDENT RESEARCH

Longwood Senior Thesis Program

Showcase your knowledge and your critical thinking skills by participating in Longwood's Senior Thesis Program. This is a unique opportunity to distinguish yourself from your peers by completing an original, independent project—and **you could receive up to \$1,000** to cover your expenses.

You'll reap these rewards from participating:

- Academic recognition on your transcript
- Public recognition at graduation
- A major achievement to include on your resume
- Inclusion of your work in Greenwood Library's permanent collection

REQUIREMENTS

- Completion of two consecutive 3-hour courses, the second taken during your senior year



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ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to register for the Longwood Senior Thesis Program, you must have

- a strong interest in doing independent research
- a 3.0 overall grade-point average on work taken at Longwood
- a 3.0 average in courses taken at Longwood in your major
- agreement of a faculty member to serve as a sponsor
- permission of the chair of the sponsoring department
- permission of the Longwood Senior Thesis (LST) Committee

TIMELINE

SEMESTER 1

You can begin preparing for your senior thesis project at any point in your junior year.

- Work with a faculty sponsor to organize an original thesis project.
- Compose a proposal that defends the feasibility and impact of your project, then submit it two weeks before finals.
- Present the proposal to the LST committee members just before finals week.

SEMESTER 2

- Once accepted into the program you will enroll in a 3-credit research course. The course will be a 498 course within your major discipline.
- The majority of your research project will be completed during this semester under the advisement of your faculty sponsor.
- At the course conclusion, you will report your current progress to your examination committee members.

SEMESTER 3

- With significant progress on your project, you can enroll in the 499 course as the final step of your thesis. Any remaining project work needs to be completed during this course. The majority of the time will be spent producing your thesis with the help of your faculty sponsor.
- Your thesis is due two weeks prior to your defense, which usually is scheduled after you present your work during the Longwood Student Showcase. The showcase presentation will prepare you to defend your thesis project before your examination committee.



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

If your idea will require supplies or travel, then the program can help. Enrolling in your 498 course will allow you access to \$500 in support of your project. In addition, you will still be eligible to apply for the \$500 student stipends through the Office of Student Research. That is **up to \$1,000** to execute your project or travel in order to showcase your work!



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