

## Cognitive Science Honors

RuCCS offers students the opportunity to graduate in Cognitive Science with honors. The requirements to achieve this distinction are as follows:

1. At the beginning of the Fall semester of senior year, the student must have an overall grade point average of at least 3.2 and a grade point average within Cognitive Science of at least 3.5.
2. If a student elects to write a Senior Honors Thesis:
  - a) The student must apply to enroll in two semesters of the Honors Thesis course (Fall 01:185:495 and Spring 01:185:496) of their senior year. To download an application, [click here](#).
  - b) Students approved to enroll in the Honors Thesis are expected to conduct research and prepare an original piece of scholarship as their honors thesis.
  - c) The thesis must be supervised by an Executive Committee or Affiliate faculty member who will approve the topic and work with the student in developing his or her thesis. The faculty thesis advisor will indicate specific requirements for the completion of the thesis. Individual students are responsible for recruiting an appropriate faculty member to supervise their research and read their thesis.
  - d) The thesis may be a new project or based on the student's own prior research or written work for an upper-division course. If the student chooses to write a thesis based on prior written work, it is expected that the Senior Honors Thesis be a very substantial enhancement of this prior work.
  - e) Upon completion of the thesis, a letter grade will be awarded by the thesis advisor.
  - f) Upon completion of the thesis, the student will present their work to a committee who will determine student(s) who are awarded an Honors Thesis Prize(s) in Cognitive Science.
  - g) **All theses, without exception, are due to the thesis advisor, Undergraduate Director, and RuCCS Administrator in electronic form by April 1st of the graduating year or on the last Friday of March if April 1st falls on a weekend.**
3. For all students majoring in Cognitive Science, the level of honors according to the designations 'Honors', 'High Honors', and 'Highest Honors' will be determined by the following GPA range in Cognitive Science:
  - Honors: 3.5–3.69
  - High Honors: 3.7–3.89
  - Highest Honors: 3.9–4.0