

THESIS PRESENTATIONS FALL 2026

Presentation Dates (Semester week listed)	Deadline to Schedule Presentation	Deadline to Submit Final Thesis *
Thesis presentations Week 7** Monday, October 5 – Friday, October 9	Monday, September 21	Monday, September 28
Thesis presentations Week 11** Monday, November 2 – Friday, November 6	Monday, October 19	Monday, October 26
Thesis presentations Week 12** Monday, November 9 – Tuesday, November 10 Thursday, November 12 – Friday, November 13	Monday, October 26	Monday, November 2

*The completed honors thesis is always due on the Monday of the week before the week of the presentation.

**Thesis presentations start on the hour, first presentation starting at 9 a.m., last presentation starting at 4 p.m.

Please observe the following process:

1. Determine a date and a time (+ an alternate date & time) that **you, your thesis advisor, and your thesis evaluator all can attend**. (Student and advisor will identify a professor to serve as the evaluator).
2. **After completing step 1**, complete the [online thesis registration form](#) by the deadline (see chart above). This is a first come, first serve basis. Students are advised to schedule early as possible if they wish to present on their preferred date.
3. Submit your thesis as a Word or PDF document, and signed advisor form at <https://honors.wsu.edu/thesis-submission/> on or before the deadline listed above.

NOTE: To qualify for a **nomination for Pass with Distinction**, your honors thesis must be presented by **Friday, November 13**.

PRESENTATION FORMATS

Presentations begin on the hour, starting at 9:00 am and concluding at 5:00 pm.

TRADITIONAL IN-PERSON THESIS PRESENTATION

The presenter gives a 20-minute PowerPoint presentation, followed by a 10-15 minute Q&A. Following the presentation and Q&A, the thesis advisor, evaluator, and Honors host will discuss and evaluate the thesis and presentation without the presenter and audience present.

IN-PERSON POSTER PRESENTATION

Posters must be printed in a professional poster format and set up prior to the presentation. The thesis advisor and evaluator examine the poster for approximately 10 minutes. The presenter gives an

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approximate 5-minute presentation to the advisor and evaluator in front of their poster, followed by 10-15 minute Q&A. Following the presentation and Q&A, the thesis advisor, evaluator, and Honors host will discuss and evaluate the thesis and presentation without the presenter and audience present.

ZOOM PRESENTATION

The thesis may be presented via ZOOM if approved by the thesis advisor. Following the approval of date and time, Honors will attach a Zoom link to the calendar event for the student, advisor and evaluator to access.

The Honors thesis may be presented via Zoom in the traditional format or as a poster (see above). PowerPoint slides or poster slides must be shared on screen while presenting. Following the presentation and Q&A, the thesis advisor, evaluator, and Honors host will discuss and evaluate the thesis and oral presentation in a breakout room.

POSTER PRESENTATION RESOURCES

Additional Resources:

Two WSU sites offer helpful suggestions for designing an academic poster:
<https://posters.wsu.edu/>

For useful guidance on presenting a poster e.g. consider the WSU SURCA poster presentation guidelines at:

<https://surca.wsu.edu/participants/poster-presentations/>

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FINAL THESIS EVALUATION GRADES

- Nomination for Pass with Distinction
- Excellent
- Satisfactory
- Pass with Revisions
- Fail

