

MBB Honors Thesis Seminar (01:694:495)

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Meets Tuesdays 8:30- 9:50 AM, Waksman Rm 1001

Schedule for Fall 2025

May 2025 – Write and submit a research proposal

August 2025 – Read research papers and write abstracts

8/1/25 – **List of Research papers Due**

9/2/25 – Introduction to MBB Honors Research and Thesis,

9/9/25 –Thesis Structure, **Research Paper Abstracts Due**

9/16/25 –Writing Basics, **Lay Abstract of Thesis Due**

9/23/25 –Presentations **Thesis Outline Due**

9/30/25 –No Class, **CV due**

10/7/25 –No Class, **1st Draft of Introduction due**

10/14/25 –No Class, **Schedule Individual Meetings** (Use Sign Up)

10/21/25 – **Student Presentations** (Use Sign Up)

10/28/25 – **Student Presentations** (Use Sign Up),

11/4/25 – **Student Presentations** (Use Sign Up)
Provide revised draft of thesis to your advisor

11/11/25 – **Student Presentations** (Use Sign Up),

11/18/25 – No Class,

11/25/25 – No Class, (Thursday Classes)

12/2/25– No Class, **2nd Draft of Introduction, Methods and Results Due**

12/9/25 – No Class, Schedule Meetings (Use Sign Up)

Grading: This course will be graded independently from your overall level of honors and grade assigned to your thesis in the spring. Grades will be based, in part, on your effort in the laboratory, as determined by consultation with your advisor. 50% of the grade will depend on attendance in class along with your efforts in the writing and presentation portion of the course as determined by the course instructor, Prof. Vershon

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- Plagiarism
- Aiding others in committing a violation or allowing others to use your work
- Failure to cite sources correctly
- Fabrication
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- Unauthorized collaboration
- Sabotaging another student's work in doubt, please consult the instructor

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- Student Success Essentials: <https://success.rutgers.edu>
- Student Support Services: <https://www.rutgers.edu/academics/student-support>
- The Learning Centers: <https://rlc.rutgers.edu/>
- Rutgers Libraries: <https://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/>
- Bias Incident Reporting: <https://studentaffairs.rutgers.edu/bias-incident-reporting>
- Dean of Students – Student Support Office: <https://success.rutgers.edu/resource/dean-students-student-support-office>

- Office of Veteran and Military Programs and Services: <https://veterans.rutgers.edu>
- Student Health Services: <http://health.rutgers.edu/>
- Counseling, Alcohol and Other Drug Assistance Program & Psychiatric Services (CAPS): <http://health.rutgers.edu/medical-counseling-services/counseling/>
- UWill: free immediate access to teletherapy; you can choose a therapist based on your preferences including issue, gender, language, ethnicity. <http://health.rutgers.edu/uwill/>
- Office for Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance: www.vpva.rutgers.edu/
- Office of Disability Services: <https://ods.rutgers.edu/>
- Basic Needs Assistance (food, housing, and other essentials): <https://ruoffcampus.rutgers.edu/basic-needs>
- Rutgers Student Food Pantry: <https://ruoffcampus.rutgers.edu/food-pantry>