

# BISP 196 - Honors Thesis Program

2021 – 2022 Contract

Students who successfully complete all the requirements for the Senior Honors Thesis Program will have “Distinction” recorded on their transcript. Completion of this program is the only way to earn distinction through the Division of Biological Sciences.

## Eligibility, Program Requirements, and Deadlines

- Achieve prior to the start of the program a minimum 3.6 biology major and overall UC GPA.
- At time of graduation, maintain a minimum 3.25 major GPA.
- Participate in three consecutive quarters of BISP 196 research (Fall, Winter, and Spring) within the same lab during the last full academic year at UC San Diego.
- Minimum of 12 hours of research per week.
- The program starts in Fall, but students *must* submit a new updated special studies application online **each** quarter. Strictly enforced application deadlines are as follows:
  - Winter application and research update\*\* due: **Friday, December 3, 2021 @ 4pm**
  - Spring application and research update\*\* due: **Friday, March 11, 2022 @ 4pm**\*\* A 1-2 page research update is due with the Winter and Spring applications. Guidelines for the research update are available on the [Biology website](#) under “How to Apply.”
- Group meetings with the Honors Thesis Chair and Staff Advisor:
  - Fall Quarter (**Friday, October 22 @ 3:00pm**): program orientation and introductions.
  - Winter Quarter (**Date TBD**): information on writing and formatting a scientific paper.
- Submission of abstract to the [Saltman Quarterly](#) (**Winter Quarter**). Student's abstract will be posted to the Biology website and published in the Saltman Quarterly for public consumption.
- Mandatory participation in the [Research Showcase](#): **Tuesday, May 31, 2022**
- Completion of the thesis (15+ page scientific paper) reviewed by the Honors Thesis Faculty Advisor committee to determine if the quality meets minimum standards.
  - Thesis Due: **Friday, June 3, 2022 @ 4pm** **Deadline extensions will not be allowed.**
  - Thesis must be reviewed and signed by the PI before submitting to staff advisor for review.

**Note:** All material submitted as part of the BISP 196 program is viewable by the public at any time (student journals, website, scientific paper, etc.). If this poses a problem for the PI or lab, please consider another program.

## Completed by the Student

By signing this form, I, \_\_\_\_\_, a **student** enrolled in BISP 196, understand and will abide by the above policies. I will seek authorized assistance when I need help and fully understand that there are **no extensions to the thesis deadline**. I have provided a copy of this agreement to my PI.

**Student Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

## Completed by the Principal Investigator

By signing this form, I, \_\_\_\_\_, the **PI** of a student enrolled in BISP 196, understand and will abide by the above policies. I will assist the student in completing their requirements as needed. I have received a copy of this agreement.

**Principal Investigator Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Please CC your PI and email your signed contract to Biology Student and Instructional Services at [biouis@ucsd.edu](mailto:biouis@ucsd.edu) no later than **Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.**\*\*