Finance Department
Honors Thesis Requirements
FIN 498H

To earn six units of credit for FIN 498-H—which counts toward the Honors Thesis, as well as six elective units toward the Finance major, the student must:

1. Complete the course requirements for FIN 423A and 423B, Applied Portfolio Management, earning a minimum grade of B in each.

2. Maintain a diary that contains your individual perspective on the class activities and decisions. The diary should attempt to bridge the practice of the class with finance theory. There should be a diary entry corresponding to each class meeting. A copy of the diary should be provided to the Honors Thesis Faculty Advisor at each meeting.

3. Meet with the Honors Thesis Faculty Advisor (with all other honors students in the class), three times during the course of the fall semester and three times during the spring semester.

4. Write a critical paper that evaluates one or more of the guest speaker’s talks from the fall semester. This should be a minimum five pages. It should summarize the speaker’s theme and advice to the class, and describe how that is reflected (or not) in the class policy. A preliminary draft is due to the Honors Thesis Faculty Advisor by November 15. The final draft is due by the last day of final exams in the fall semester.

5. Write a critical paper that evaluates the class meetings with the UA Foundation (client) and the Applied Portfolio Management Investment Committee in the fall semester. It should summarize the major themes, concerns and advice to the class, and describe how these are reflected (or not) in the class policy the following months. A preliminary draft is due to the Honors Thesis Faculty Advisor by March 1. The final draft is due by the last day of final exams in the spring semester.