GUIDELINES FOR THE WRITING OF SENIOR THESES
Department of Classics
Brown University

1. The candidate for honors in the Department of Classics ordinarily will be entering his/her seventh semester of study and must have an “A” average (3.50 or higher on a 4.00 scale) in the concentration.

2. By the end of the registration period in September of the senior year, the candidate for honors must obtain the approval of a thesis advisor, who agrees to work with him/her in the research and writing of the thesis and who will serve as the first reader of the completed work.

3. The honors candidate should register for CLAS 1990, GREK 1990, LATN 1990, or SANS 1990, “Conference Especially for Honors Students,” for the fall semester, being sure to indicate the section number of the thesis director (indicated on Banner). The candidate should also register for CLAS 1990, GREK 1990, LATN 1990, or SANS 1990 for the spring semester, if need be, in order to complete the thesis, again registering for the appropriate section. The director of the thesis will need to grant an override for both courses. Neither course is ordinarily counted toward the concentration in Classics.

4. No later than Indigenous Peoples’ in October, the candidate should submit to the thesis advisor and to the concentration advisor a written thesis proposal, together with a brief bibliography (4-7 pages in toto). The proposal should include a clear indication of:

   - the question to be examined
   - the research the candidate has undertaken so far, as well as the direction and extent of further research intended
   - the chapter divisions proposed for the thesis

5. No later than President’s Day long weekend in February, the candidate should submit to the advisor one completed chapter of the thesis.

6. The completed thesis must be submitted to the advisor by the Friday proceeding the last day of classes in the spring semester. The completed thesis must be at least forty pages in length.

7. If the candidate and/or the advisor have not already done so, the concentration advisor will designate a second reader for the thesis and coordinate recommendations for honors from the various readers. The concentration advisor, in consultation with a third reader, will resolve any cases in which the first and second readers disagree about the awarding of honors.

8. In the event that the candidate does not complete the thesis, a written project of at least twenty pages must be submitted to the advisor in order to receive credit for CLAS 1990, GREK 1990, LATN 1990, or SANS 1990. In this case, the work may be designated a capstone project.