

**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.**