We recommend that students begin their research no later than their junior year to complete the requirements for Departmental Honors.

1. You and a faculty member of your choice agree on a suitable research project. Before deciding on your research project, consider talking with several faculty members to discuss possible projects.

2. Complete a minimum of 3 credits of research by enrolling in ATM, GSC, or MSC 411 (or, if you are a Marine Biology and Ecology major, your equivalent research experience may be approved by the MBE program director).

3. Enroll in 1 credit of thesis course ATM, GSC, or MSC 412 during the term in which you will write your thesis (typically your last semester). You will receive a letter grade based on your performance on your senior thesis. Students write a formal thesis summarizing the results of their independent research carried out under faculty supervision.

4. During your final semester, turn in the completed DHR Form (available in the RSMAS Undergraduate Office, or the Student Resources page) to Ruth Goodin, Ungar 210C, no later than the last day to apply for fall or spring graduation. At least one committee member must be a RSMAS Ph.D. faculty member who the student will be assigned to in CaneLink for MSC/ATM/GSC 412 in CaneLink. Please see academic calendar for dates here at (http://www.miami.edu/index.php/registrar/calendar/).

5. Present a poster or give an oral presentation of research at a public forum such as the RSMAS Undergraduate Research Forum.

6. The following are due by the last day of classes at noon:
   a. an email sent to ruthgoodin@miami.edu with a Cc: to your Thesis Committee Chair stating that you have completed your research presentation requirement. The email must also include the date, location, and abstract title. Also attach any flyer or announcement with your name.
   b. your completed thesis approval form with all three committee members' signatures must be submitted to Ruth Goodin, Ungar 210C. For approval form formatting, see "Approval Form" under "Templates" on the web site listed below.

7. Be sure to visit the Honors web site:

8. For more information regarding rules for 411 and 412 courses, click here.