

## Honors Thesis Proposal and Mentor Form (Research)

A Senior Honors Thesis is typically a three-semester sequence of research in the student's field of study, carried out independently by the student under the direction of a faculty member (Thesis Mentor). The sequence usually involves a semester of preparation culminating in a written proposal, followed by two semesters of research, and writing.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

UHM ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduating Semester: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Thesis title: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The attached proposal represents my plan for the Senior Honors Project, in accordance with the requirements of the Honors Program and my major. I have developed it in consultation with the faculty named below, who has reviewed it and who has agreed to serve as my thesis mentor. His/her initials and signature below confirm that this proposal meets the following requirements:

(Thesis Mentor please initial where applicable.)

\_\_\_\_\_ This proposal for a Senior Honors Project meets the requirements for research or a capstone project in the student's major and describes work that would be considered of Honors quality in the major (if Faculty mentor is from outside the major, this proposal must be additionally approved by the undergraduate chair of the student's department—see below);

\_\_\_\_\_ The proposal describes a project that is feasible (can be completed in two semesters) and realistic (can be completed given available resources);

\_\_\_\_\_ The project clearly describes the goals of the project and articulates its research questions/hypothesis and significance;

\_\_\_\_\_ The literature review demonstrates effort to research the topic and the student shows a good understanding of the topic and the field;

\_\_\_\_\_ The described methodology is sound and the proposed data/evidence is appropriate for this project;

\_\_\_\_\_ The student's plan for analysis of the data/evidence is sound, and the student has the appropriate analytical skills or the potential to develop those skills;

\_\_\_\_\_ As the student's thesis mentor, I agree to meet with the student, provide feedback on drafts and guidance throughout this process, including assistance in organizing and

proofreading the final thesis. My commitment includes drafting, coordinating committee signatures for, and submitting the evaluation form at the completion of this process.

Honors Thesis Mentor name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mentor's email: \_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Complete below only if mentor is from outside student's major department**

Thesis mentors are typically from the student's major department, though in some cases may be from a different field. If student's mentor is from outside their major department, the student must *first* get approval for the project and the mentor from the undergraduate chair of the department, to ensure that the project is appropriate for the major and the mentor has the department's support for supervising the student.

\_\_\_\_\_ This proposal for a Senior Honors Project meets the requirements for research or a capstone project in the student's major and describes work that would be considered of Honors quality in the major;

\_\_\_\_\_ The faculty member named above is approved as the Senior Honors Thesis Mentor for the project described in the attached proposal.

Major Advisor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Major Advisor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_