

Senior Honors Project Evaluation Form: Research

Please use this form to evaluate *only* a conventional research project in the natural sciences, social sciences, or humanities.

Name of Candidate: _____

Major: _____

Project Title: _____

Assessment

Please consider the following categories in your assessment and provide as full an answer as possible. If the category is not relevant, please mark it “N/A” to indicate so. Please be detailed and honest in your evaluation.

Research Problem

Please discuss the degree to which the thesis has a clearly stated purpose/problem statement/set of research questions. Does the project make a contribution to the field, and does the candidate articulate this significance clearly? How so/Why not?

Literature Review

Does the candidate show a critical understanding of relevant literature and understand/articulate the broader contexts and conversations in the field(s) in which the project is located? Please explain.

Methods

Are the methods adopted appropriate and properly applied, and are they explained clearly and justified in the thesis?

Critical Analysis

Does the thesis exhibit an adequate analysis of the results/subject matter that demonstrates a level of understanding and interpretation that is above and beyond what is expected for an undergraduate in the major? Please explain.

Quality of Writing

To what degree does the writing in the thesis meet the expectations of the field? Does the project demonstrate good organization of ideas and clear writing? How so/why not?

Presentation/Process of Revision

Did the student take the revision process seriously and turn in a polished, proofread finished product? Is the project is properly formatted? Are the tables/figures/maps of suitable quality and sources attributed?

Student ownership of the research process and overall project

Did the student demonstrate responsibility for the project as a whole? Did the student communicate clearly during his/her time working with you? Was the student timely with deadlines and drafts and responsive to feedback? Please explain.

How could the thesis be improved?

Recommended Honors (Check One)

- No Honors
- Honors

Thesis Prize Endorsement

_____ This thesis is of exceptional quality, representing sustained, rigorous and original work, containing a thorough and well-discussed literature review, and sophisticated analysis of primary sources/data well above and beyond the expectations for an undergraduate Honors thesis in the field (e.g., approaching Master’s level work). The committee recommends this thesis for consideration for the Honors Thesis Prize.

Signatures

Thesis Mentor: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____
Would you be interested in serving as a Senior Honors Project mentor in the future? __ Yes __ No

Committee Member 1: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____
Would you be interested in serving as a Senior Honors Project mentor in the future? __ Yes __ No

Committee Member 2: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____
Would you be interested in serving as a Senior Honors Project mentor in the future? __ Yes __ No

Please submit the signed *electronic* copy of this form to the Honors Program (honors@hawaii.edu) once it is completed.
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