

Honors Portfolio Proposal and Mentor Form

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

Portfolio Mentor please initial where applicable:

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

____ The department will accept the work proposed in this proposal. It fulfills the department's student learning objectives;

____ The purpose of the portfolio is clearly stated and justified and will showcase the student's topic expertise, creativity, etc.;

____ The design of the portfolio supports the purpose of the project and demonstrates a coherent plan that links the portfolio's component parts into a larger whole;

____ The proposal outlines a plan that is feasible (can be completed in two semesters) and realistic (can be completed given available resources);

____ The literature review demonstrates knowledge of research relevant scholarship and work that illuminates the portfolio's purpose and significance;

____ The portfolio proposal includes a plan for a reflection essay on the process and components of the portfolio, as well as its usefulness for the student's future plans;

____ The student has the appropriate skills and training 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 portfolio. My commitment includes drafting, coordinating committee signatures for, and submitting the evaluation form at the completion of this process.

Honors Portfolio Mentor name: _____

Mentor's email: _____ Department: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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

Portfolio 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 Portfolio meets the requirements for 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 Portfolio Mentor for the project described in the attached proposal.

Major Advisor's Name: _____

Major Advisor's Signature: _____