



Southern Illinois University  
CARBONDALE

## UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM

### APPLICATION FOR SENIOR THESIS OR PROJECT

(Departmental for Honors credit): \_\_\_\_\_

Course number \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Dawgtag: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Application is for \_\_\_\_\_ semester credit hours

Semester in which you plan to register for this work:

Fall \_\_\_\_\_ Spring \_\_\_\_\_ Summer \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

Working title of thesis or project:

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\*Attach thesis proposal to this sheet \*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student

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Date

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Signature of Thesis Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Thesis Director

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Thesis Director Dawgtag

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Rank and Department of Thesis Director

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Signature of Director- University Honors Program

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\* Student must submit a final copy of the thesis to the University Honors Program in order to receive course credit towards the Honors certificate.

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\*If thesis is cancelled, undo previous steps

## **Guidelines for Thesis Proposal**

\*The proposal should be approximately 750-1250 words (3-5 double spaced pages) and must cover the following areas:

1. Project Title – List a preliminary title for your project (this may be tentative at the proposal stage and can be refined when you finish the project).
2. Project Overview and Goals – Provide a brief description of the project you are proposing, the research questions you are exploring (if appropriate), and the desired outcomes of your work. This overview should be written in clear language accessible to readers outside of your discipline.
3. Methods and Time Line – Explain the methods/techniques you will use in completing this project, as well as the specific steps and anticipated time line for your efforts.
4. Resources/Literature – Describe the literature you will consult in completing this project or the resources you will be drawing upon as inspiration for your work.
5. Description of Final Project – Explain the format of your final project, how you will present it and to whom. (e.g. conference, departmental colloquium, exhibit, performance, etc.). Include documentation of your creative project.
6. Significance and Contribution – Describe the significance of your project and the contribution it will make to your field.
7. Reflection on how this is an Honors thesis – Does it meet any of the following criterion: Does your work cross disciplines? Does the thesis address a fundamental/enduring problem? Is it exploratory/collaborative in its methods? Is it community oriented?