

Honors in Religion, Philosophy, and Classics

- A. Summary of Policy: A Department Honors project will usually extend over two consecutive terms and earn six hours of credit upon its successful completion. The project will normally culminate in the writing of a major research paper (25-30 pages) or a series of related shorter papers during the second term and an oral defense of the project with the Department faculty. (In an oral defense a student is expected to state the thesis of the project, explaining and arguing the case for it, in discussion with the faculty.) A letter grade will be assigned to the two-term project as a whole, based essentially on the written project.
- B. Qualification: The student must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 and a GPA in the major of at least a 3.5. It is expected that the student will have significant course work in the area being investigated.
- C. Procedure:
1. Consult with the Department chairperson who will explain the policy and suggest an appropriate faculty advisor.
 2. Discuss the proposed project with the suggested faculty member.
 3. Draft a concise statement on the scope and purpose of the project.
 4. Compile a preliminary bibliography of books and articles.
 5. Submit a request for the approval of the Honors project and an application for independent study to the Department faculty.
 6. Establish with the faculty advisor the precise goals to be achieved by the end of the first term in order to continue the project into the second term.
 7. Meet regularly with the advisor to discuss readings, explore possible topics, refine ideas and work toward articulating a thesis, outline, and bibliography by the end of the term.
 8. If the faculty advisor and the student agree to continue the project for a second term, submit a brief progress report and another application for independent study to the Department. If the proposal has undergone a major change, departmental approval must be obtained.
 9. Early in the second term, students preparing a written research paper must submit their working outlines to the department faculty for their information and constructive criticism.
 10. Continue regular meetings with the faculty advisor to explore further research and criticize drafts of the final project.
 11. Submit enough copies of the final project for each member of the Department. Written projects should generally be 25-30 pages in length and should follow consistently a standard style manual such as Turabian (Chicago) or the Modern Language Association.
- C. Deadlines:
1. Normally an Honors project should be completed one full term before the student expects to graduate. The final project should be submitted to the Department one week before the end of classes. In the exceptional case when an honors project is being completed in the term the student expects to graduate, the final project should be submitted at least two weeks before the end of the term.
 2. Independent study applications, using the course number 4970 (Senior Project), should be submitted to the departmental office by the beginning of the ninth week of classes in the term prior to the term in which the project will be pursued. For projects beginning in the Fall term, the application should be received no later than one week before the start of classes.
 3. The progress report and second application for independent study should be submitted to the chair at the beginning of the ninth week of the first term.
 4. Notify the University Honors Program upon successful completion of the project to insure that graduation with Honors is recognized.

Application for Honors
Departments of Religion, Philosophy, and Classics

To be submitted to the Department Office, 370 Millett Hall, two weeks before the start of the term in which the study is to take place.

Student's Name	UID:	Terms and Year for Project
Major:	GPA in Major:	Expected Graduation Date
Instructor:		
Title of Study:		
Your proposal: what do you plan to study and what will be your approach? What is your working thesis?		
What coursework have you had to prepare for this project?		
Signatures: Student	Instructor _____	Chair
Date		
Please attach an application of Independent Study, with a reading list and schedule of deadlines		

Application for Undergraduate and Graduate Independent Study
College of Liberal Arts

Department _____
Please circle semester for Independent Study: Fall=80 Spring=30 Summer=40* Year: _____

*Note: If Summer course, please circle the term: A B or C

Student's Name: _____ Student UID: U _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Student Class Level: _____ Major: _____ GPA: _____

Course Registration/Permission Information

Banner CRN: _____ Subject: _____ Course Number: _____ Section: _____ Credit Hours: _____

If Writing Intensive, need Banner CRN: _____ Subject: _____ Course Number: _____ W Section: _____

Entered into Banner SPAAPIN Assigned to Faculty SIAASGN (Note: If previously listed as Staff, use U00025995)

Project

Project Title: _____

- Please provide a description of the subject, topic or problem to be investigated, methodology, number of meetings, etc.
- Attach a reading list and any additional, relevant material.

Basis For Evaluation Description and weighting of graded assignments

Description

% of Grade

Student's Signature Date

Instructor's Signature (Please print name) U _____ Instructor UID Date

Department Chair's Signature Date