

Honors 450 Registration Form

Academic term: _____ Student name: _____ ID number: _____

General guidelines for HON 450:

An Honors Thesis is an opportunity for the student to demonstrate his/her emerging mastery of critical thinking, analysis, written communication and independent research skills by engaging in a project that is both scholarly and appropriate to the discipline(s) in which the student is majoring. In general, this project will prepare the student for work or graduate study in his/her field and will typically result in the equivalent of a journal article, technical production or artistic production. The work produced as part of an Honors Thesis must include some piece that is wholly the student's own work. If the project is a creative or technical artifact (dance, art, theatrical performance, software, etc.), the thesis must include a written reflection on and/or documentation of the process by which the end result was achieved.

HON 450 typically provides the student with the opportunity to plan and prepare for writing/producing the end result of the thesis project. A semester's work in HON 450 might include things like conducting a literature review, writing an annotated bibliography, planning an experiment and gaining appropriate approval (e.g. IRB approval), writing a grant to support the project, etc. The end product of HON 450 typically includes a thesis proposal that specifies what will be accomplished in HON 451. Sample proposals are available on the Honors website.

For the thesis director: Please provide a **syllabus**. This document should describe the work to be done, responsibilities for the student, method of evaluation, and a schedule for the work to be completed. A syllabus template is available on the Honors website. By signing this document, you agree that the project proposed by the student meets the guidelines above.

For the student: Please provide a **statement** explaining how your proposed project helps you meet your professional and/or academic goals. By signing this document, you agree to complete the work outlined by your thesis director in order to receive honors credit. *If this document is not approved and on file with both the Registrar and the Honors Program office by the end of the add/drop period, no honors credit will be awarded.*

Thesis director _____ Date: _____

Second committee member _____ Date: _____

Student _____ Date: _____

Honors Program director _____ Date: _____