

Columbia College Honors Program
Honors Project Prospectus
Cover Sheet

This TYPED form is due to the honors office the semester before enrolling in HON 498 (for example, students taking the course during fall semester must submit the prospectus by the end of April). The proposal should be approximately 1000 words in length, demonstrating careful, detailed planning and vigorous, genuine collaboration with your faculty director. The Director of Honors helps to evaluate proposals.

Name _____

Title of project _____

Hon. 498 Semester/Year _____ Credit hours _____
(3-4)

The following items should be addressed in the prospectus:

1. Describe the goals of the project. Provide specific details about how the project will be conducted and state a specific hypothesis (if applicable). You may also want to provide some background information about your topic.
2. Describe how the project fits in with your educational background and experience and how the project is related to your post-graduation plans for career or graduate study. Describe how the project enhances your honors education.
3. Detail how your director will assess your project. Include specific details about the assessment criteria. Describe in detail any product that you expect to generate. For example, if you will be completing a written paper, provide information about the expected length of the paper, the number of resources to be used, and the citation style to be used (APA or MLA, etc.). If you will be doing a creative performance or preparing a portfolio or some other product, you may include a checklist of items to be included and details about how the project will be judged.
4. Provide a preliminary bibliography. Generally, a preliminary reference list of resources will be appropriate.

Note: Projects completed during spring semester are due to faculty directors for assessment by early April. Projects completed during fall semester are due to faculty directors for grading by early November. The project is showcased for students, faculty, family, and friends at the senior Honors Medal Ceremony held before graduation. Displays may vary from computer presentations, to poster displays, to video segments, to artifact collections or any other creative, appropriate means to share your project. Although students complete their project during the junior year, graduates are expected to participate in the showcase at the Medal Ceremony.

The undersigned agree to the guidelines set forth in the Honors Project Prospectus:

Student Signature

Date

Faculty Director Signature

Date

Honors Program Director Signature

Date