The project is a culmination of a student's education in the Honors College, their academic discipline, and their co-curricular experiences. This capstone project MUST be an original work of the student, be interdisciplinary in nature, and include a justification of the methodology, theory, or idea used as its foundation. The purpose of the project is to demonstrate learning within four learning outcomes: 1) oral communication, 2) written communication, 3) integrative learning, and 4) critical thinking.

For more information, check out the full Honors Project Guidebook at bgsu.edu/honorsproject

**How do courses fit into completing the project?**
In addition to completing 20 Honors credits, HNRS 4980: Honors Project Development and HNRS 4990: Honors Project or approved course equivalents must be taken.

**Can my major capstone course count toward this requirement?**
Maybe. If approved as equivalent by an Honors advisor, then the course must still meet all the requirements of HNRS 4980/4990 in addition to major-specific curricular requirements.

**What can I do for the project?**
See examples at http://scholarworks.bgsu.edu/honorsprojects/

- **Research** – Expands knowledge within a field of study and motivated by the desire to know more
  - EXAMPLES
    - Engage in field research and report findings
    - Perform a qualitative or quantitative research study and write a report

- **Creative** – Uses an artistic medium, method, and/or tool to explore a research question
  - EXAMPLES
    - Write a play, poetry, series of short stories, or children’s book
    - Compose a song, perform for a recital or art show
    - Create a film

- **Applied** – Applies knowledge learned during coursework to real world problems or goals
  - EXAMPLES
    - Create a civic engagement project with a community partner
    - Plan and host an event on campus

**How might I be working toward the project?**
Below is only a sample as students can begin their project any time after completing HNRS 2010 and 2020.

**1st & 2nd Years**
- Fulfill other Honors requirements
- Discuss interests for project with Honors advisor
- Draft general timeline/outline/ideas for project

**3rd Year**
- Identify one faculty advisor to help supervise project
- Meet with Honors advisor
- Turn in Checksheet for Honors Project Approval

**4th Year - Fall**
- Take HNRS 4980
- Meet with faculty & set project goals
- Submit 4980 Form 1
- Project Timeline
- Annotated Bibliography
- Project Proposal
- Identify second faculty advisor
- Submit 4980 Form 2

**4th Year - Spring**
- Take HNRS 4990
- Submit 4990 Form 1
- Complete project
- Schedule and compete project oral presentation and defense
- Submit final draft to ScholarWorks
- Submit 4990 Form 2

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