



WHAT IS THE HONORS PROJECT?

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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