

SENIOR HONORS COLLOQUIUM

HONR 400B
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Thursdays 4:00-5:15; MH-513
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There is a Blackboard site for this course

About the course:

This is a required one-unit course that has been designed to support you as you work on your senior honors project. The major learning goal for this course is to help you develop your research, writing, and public speaking skills.

Requirements and Evaluation:

The major requirement in this class is to make a formal oral presentation of your senior honors project. You should be enrolled in HONR 497 (Senior Honors Project) at the same time. In addition, you will attend two formal oral presentation sessions other than your own and submit a one-page summary of your honors project. Class attendance is required and will be a factor in your grade.

“Make-up” policy: If you miss a class meeting, you must submit evidence showing you completed the preparation work normally expected before one of our class meetings. Usually a two-page essay is expected. The new +/- grading system will be used in assigned semester grades.

Grading:

Senior honors project formal presentation	60%
One-page summary of honors project	20%
Attendance & participation	20%

Class Meetings/Important Dates:

February 10

Introduction to the course

Student informal presentations on progress they are making on their senior honors projects, which are due at the end of the semester.

March 17 - Cohorts

Come to class prepared to present a status report on your senior honors project to the members of your cohort. Each cohort will report to the entire class.

Availability grids for senior honors project presentation dates will be distributed.

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Task List as You Complete Your Senior Honors Project:

- **By April 25 (earlier preferred)** – Submit **availability grids** showing when you and your mentor(s) are available during the May 9-20 period. This list will be used in scheduling your senior honors project oral presentation.
- **By April 25 (earlier preferred)** -- Submit a **one-page summary of your project** and a **one-paragraph biographical statement about yourself** to Wayne Hobson. Copies of the summary and statement will be available for the audience at your presentation and will be used in preparing the program for the all-university Honors Convocation.
- Establish a formal deadline with your mentor(s) for submission of the final draft of your senior honors project. You must allow the mentor(s) time to read and evaluate before your oral presentation. Presumably, you have been submitting preliminary drafts during March and April.
- Submit one electronic copy (Word format preferred) and one unbound hard copy of the approved final draft of your senior honors project. The hard copy must include the official signature page. The Honors Office will arrange for printing on appropriate paper and for binding of copies for yourself, your mentor(s), and the Honors Program. You can pick up a copy of the signature page format from the back table in the Honors Office or you can find the format and a sample online at: <http://www.fullerton.edu/honors/project.htm>. The bound copies will not be available until mid-summer. Be sure that you keep your contact information up-to-date with the Honors Office.
- Attend two senior honors project presentations other than your own. These will be May 9-20.
- Formal presentation of your senior honors project: The presentation will usually take place in a classroom and will be attended by project faculty mentors, fellow senior honors students, junior honors students, and any guests you would like to invite. Each presentation will be approximately 25 minutes, including 10 minutes of question and answer. Presentations may be in any format, including multimedia. There will normally be two or three presentations per session.
- If you are listed in the Honors Convocation program as graduating with University Honors, you should plan to attend the Convocation on Friday evening, May 27 (Students who had a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher at the beginning of spring semester and who otherwise meet University Honors Program and University graduation requirements will be honored at the Honors Convocation).