

HONORS IN ANTHROPOLOGY

Program Description

Majors with a 3.0 or better cumulative grade-point average and a 3.4 or better average in anthropology halfway through their junior year, may apply for honors in the spring term of their junior year or the first week of their senior year. These GPA requirements may be waived with the endorsement of the students thesis advisor and the approval of the Undergraduate Program Director. Candidates who are accepted spend two terms (for 3 credits per term) writing an honors thesis under the supervision of their honors advisor, a faculty member in anthropology (or other qualified faculty member). The honors thesis must involve the student conducting original research. Candidates give an oral defense of their thesis conducted by the advisor and at least one other qualified faculty member, toward the end of their senior year (important—this defense should take place **by April 1**, since the deadline for reporting honors outcomes to the various college and university deans is generally **April 15**).

Students wishing to do this should start, in the spring semester of their junior years, by proposing a project to a particular faculty member (usually one with whom they have already studied) to be their honors advisor. If the faculty member agrees, the form on the reverse side should then be filled out and submitted to the Administrative Assistant of the Undergraduate Program. Students should meet with the Undergraduate Program Director and the Coordinator for Study Abroad, Internships, and Undergraduate Research as part of the process in preparing for a thesis.

To receive credit for honors in anthropology the student must register for 01:070:497 and 01:070:498 with a special permission number provided by the Administrative Assistant of the Undergraduate Program.

Sometime during the senior year, the advisor and the student should identify at least one other faculty member in anthropology (or from another field, as approved by the Undergraduate Program Director) who will read the completed honors thesis along with the advisor and participate in the oral. At the Oral Defense the advisor and other faculty member will decide if the project has been carried out well enough to deserve honors, and if so, at what level (honors, high honors or highest honors—for guidelines on levels, see application form on the reverse side).

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Application and Individual Student Record

(One copy of this form should go in the applicant's file, the other in a general by-year honors file in the main undergraduate office files.)

Name _____

Email address _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average at end of first semester of junior year _____

Grade Point Average in Anthropology Courses at end of first semester of junior year _____

If the Cumulative GPA is below 3.0 or the GPA in Anthropology courses is below 3.4, endorsement and signature of the honors advisor and the approval of the Undergraduate Program Director are required here:

Signature of advisor _____

Signature of UPD _____

Proposed project _____

Honors advisor _____

Signature of student _____

Signature of advisor _____

(FOR LATER ACTION)

Oral Defense (**Oral defenses should be held by April 1st; final college deadline for results is April 15th.**) Two faculty members need to be present at the defense to certify the level of honors.

Date _____

Faculty members present 1. _____ (advisor)

2. _____

Recommendation (Honors, High Honors, Highest Honors)* _____

Signatures of Faculty Members Present 1. _____ (advisor)

2. _____

1. **"Honors"** is a considerable accomplishment and should be given to 60-70% of acceptable projects. (If a project does not merit basic honors but is adequate to earn a grade and credit for the work, the student can be re-registered for two independents, and retroactively graded, so as not to lose the six credits of senior year work.)
2. **"High honors"** should mark work that shows unusual excellence and/or effort in research and should be given to no more than 20-30% of the projects.
3. **"Highest honors"** should be awarded occasionally for work that might be publishable in a scholarly journal

Title of Completed Thesis

Abstract (limit 250 words) of Completed Thesis