



Holyoke Community
College
Honors Program



Honors 201: 1-3 Credit Project Proposal

INSTRUCTIONS: This proposal form is to be completed by the student and the faculty mentor, and is to be submitted to the Honors Program Coordinator (HPC) by the student. Proposals will be reviewed by an interdisciplinary panel, so students should provide the detail needed for faculty outside their proposed field to understand the topic and to provide some basic feedback. Please finalize your proposal with your mentor *before* submitting it to the committee. **That is—your mentor should see your proposal *before* the committee does.**

PLEASE NOTE: The Honors Program Coordinator will present the proposal to the Honors Sub-committee for feedback. Meetings are held 3-4 times a semester so the earlier you get your materials in, the better. The Honors Program Coordinator will then provide feedback from the committee to the student and faculty mentor over email within a week of the meeting. If you do not receive an email regarding your proposal, please contact the HPC.

Student Name: _____

Student ID: _____

Student HCC Email: _____

Faculty Mentor: _____

To faculty mentor: Your signature below indicates that you have looked at and approved this project proposal.

Signature: _____

Circle category of Honors Project you have selected

- Attached to a non-Honors, non-developmental, and non-independent study course
- To be presented at the state Undergraduate Research Conference
- Honors Project independent of a particular course

If your Honors Project is attached to a course, provide the course number & section:

Circle the proposed number of credits for project (all URC presentations are 1 credit):

- 1
- 2
- 3

Circle the type of project you have selected

- Research Project (social science, humanities, interdisciplinary)
- Creative Project
- Civic Engagement/Service Learning Project
- Fieldwork/Lab Work
- Original Design/Problem-Based Project or advanced study (STEM disciplines)

For the following, please type and submit answers to the following questions along with the rest of this document (to the Honors office in FROST 270 on MWF between 9am-3pm):

Proposed Title of Honors Project

Description of Honors Project (please be specific)

- Provide a statement about what you intend to research, hypothesize, hope to discover, or intend to create in your Honors Project.
- What is your primary research question or focus? If applicable, provide 1-2 more research questions.
- If using a thesis, remember that a thesis statement/hypothesis should be articulated as an arguable claim based on research and provide a clear direction for the project.
- What new knowledge and perspective do you hope to bring to your subject area by doing this project?
- How does this project extend your knowledge beyond the classroom?
- Include a preliminary bibliography of sources (a minimum of 3-5 sources must be included)