

Senior Honors Project

Ideas to Consider

We want you to be successful throughout the next year in the completion of your Senior Honors Project. Over the years, students have provided us with many suggestions for the Senior Honors Project based on their research experiences. Here are some ideas that might help in your planning:

- If you haven't already, come by the Honors Office, Honors Complex 178, and **spend some time looking over past projects** completed in your major. Seeing the format and scope of projects will often help to guide you in understanding the expectations of the experience.
- **Meet with your Project Sponsor to establish a specific timeline** for work on your project. The Honors Office establishes dates for turning in your abstract and project to our office, but you and your Sponsor will also need to plan dates for your work. For example, your abstract will be due in the Honors Office on Friday of the 13th week of the semester of which you are planning to graduate. The final Project (including all required signatures) will be due on Friday of the 14th week.
- Prior to the initiation of your project, **identify the roles that each committee member will have throughout the year**. Readers need to be informed of your progress, your need for their input, and the expectations that you have for their participation. Let each member of your committee know of your progress throughout the year. Ask Readers when they will need a copy of your project to allow them to complete their reading in a timely fashion.
- Clearly **define the roles and responsibilities of both you and your Sponsor** throughout the year. Talk over the expectations that you have for each other, including availability, frequency of contact, method of contact, etc. Students who keep in close touch with their Sponsors seem to be the most successful in completing their project on time.
- The **website** (www.uakron.edu/honors) includes important information, as well as forms that you will need to complete your project. For example, specific due dates and the final signature page can be obtained online.
- **Plan ahead for all the signatures needed** to complete your project. Remember that the Chair of your department, as well as the Honors Faculty Advisor in your department, will need to sign the final signature page.
- Finally, **you need to register for a minimum of 2 credits of Senior Honors Project in your departmental office**. Please **discuss important plans with your Sponsor**, including which semester(s) you will register for credits, how many credits, and who/how your final grade will be assigned.