

University Honors Program (UHP)

Honors Capstone Project Guidelines

Please read the below information carefully *before* completing the Honors Capstone Proposal Form.

The Honors Capstone Project Proposal Form is due by **5:00 PM**, by the **10th day of instruction for Fall Quarter** approval, or the **last day of Fall Quarter instruction for Winter** approval, to UHPproposals@ucdavis.edu.

The University Honors Program

The University Honors Program (UHP) provides enriched educational opportunities to highly motivated and academically talented students. UHP students work closely with distinguished faculty to satisfy general education and major requirements and pursue original research.

The Honors Capstone Project

The Honors Capstone Project is a 6-unit, two quarter commitment, of sustained effort on a single topic. The project fulfills the Capstone Honors requirement which is typically completed by an Honors Thesis. The Project is an alternative enterprise of **equivalent academic rigor to a Thesis**. It requires a faculty sponsor.

The guidelines for potential topics are intentionally flexible, this project is meant to provide exceptional students with the opportunity to create something unique and impactful that is outside the boundaries of a traditional Honors Thesis.

Registration/Grading

The Project can be completed in either a Fall-Winter or a Winter-Spring sequence. Students register for a two-quarter, 3-unit, letter-graded course designated as HNR 195 - Honors Thesis/Honors Project. A grade must be assigned for each quarter at the end of that quarter. The grade should be reflective of the work completed and the student's effort and quality of contribution during that quarter.

Once the Project is approved, a Course Registration Number (CRN) will be issued. Students must register for the Project within two days of receiving the CRN. The CRN for this course is unit-variable; when registering, please increase the unit value to three (3 units), as the default setting is 1 unit.

Additional Questions

If you have additional questions about designing a capstone project, you are welcome to make an appointment or come in for drop-in advising with the UHP Assistant Director, or attend office hours with the UHP Associate Director or Director.