Honors Capstone Project (HCP) Guidelines

Please read the below information carefully before completing the Honors Capstone Proposal Form. If you have additional questions, please feel free to come to the UHP office, 1350 Surge III, or schedule an advising appointment with Heidi, hvanbeek@ucdavis.edu.

The Honors Capstone Project Proposal Form is due to the UHP SmartSite by 5:00 PM, on the date associated to the designated Quarter (projects are two quarters in length, no option to start in Spring):

- Fall 2015: Wednesday, October 7, 2015
- Winter 2016: Friday, January 15, 2016

The University Honors Program (UHP)

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.

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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.

To register for a Project, students must submit the completed Honors Capstone Project Proposal form, with the signature of their Project Advisor, to the UHP SmartSite the deadline for the specified Quarters.

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Once the Project is approved, a Course Registration Number (CRN) will be issued. Students must register for the Project within two days of Proposal deadline.