

Health Care Administration Honors Project Guidelines

Goal:

The Senior Honors Research Project offers students the opportunity to explore and investigate a specific area of interest related to their undergraduate studies. The project may take the form of either a research thesis, which involves original scholarship addressing a significant question, or a research report, which presents a formal written analysis of technical, laboratory, or investigative research.

Students are encouraged to connect with UA faculty before their senior year to secure a faculty sponsor.

Purpose:

The Honors Research Project offers students valuable research experience that will enrich their undergraduate education. For those planning to pursue graduate studies, it serves as a foundation for developing essential research skills and understanding.

Finding a faculty sponsor advisor:

Students must seek a sponsor from faculty within the Health Care Administration program.

Most commonly, the sponsor will be a fulltime faculty member. The sponsor will play a key role in the development of the research design, data acquisition and writing phases of the project.

The sponsor can also provide suggestions of readers to serve on your committee.

It is expected that student meet with their sponsor every other week throughout the semester to receive revisions and feedback.

Readers:

Each proposal is required to have 2 readers beyond the sponsor. Both the sponsor and student must agree upon the readers at the time of submitting the research proposal. Readers will provide feedback regarding the design and final product of the project. It is the students' job to keep readers informed on progress throughout the semester.

Recommended timeline for project completion:

Junior year

1st semester: Student must begin to discuss project ideas with their faculty academic advisor.

2nd semester: Student and faculty academic advisor will have identified the research project sponsor and readers. Students will also have project proposals completed Senior Honors Project Guidelines

Senior year

1st semester: Student is expected to meet regularly with project sponsor and set deadlines for each stage of research. By the completion of the semester, the student is expected to have a drafted completed portion of the project.

The Proposal form for the Honors Research Project from the Honors College must be submitted to that office by the deadline set forth by the Honors College.

2nd semester: Student is expected to meet regularly with project sponsor. The completed project must be submitted to project sponsor and readers by week 12 of the semester.

Credit hours and grading:

Course # A minimum of 2 credit hours is expected for completion. If the student is not able to complete the project in one semester, an IP will be given as a grade until the project is finished. A maximum of 6 credit hours is given for the project.

Project outline:

Suggested outline is helpful in preparing the proposal and may be altered based on research design.

1. Statement of the Problem: Provide a clear explanation of the general issue being investigated.
2. Literature Review and Research Questions: Summarize relevant research that supports the problem being studied. This review should lead into your specific area of interest related to the problem addressed in the project.
3. Methodology: Describe the research methods you will use to address the problem. This should be discussed with your project advisor.
4. Data Analysis: Explain how the data will be analyzed.
5. Project Contribution: In this concluding section, identify the key contributions your project will make in addressing the proposed problem.
6. References: Include all resources, formatted in APA style.

Enrollment in Senior Honors Project:

Once the student has submitted the honors project proposal and has received a letter from the Honors College approving the proposal, please forward a copy of this letter to your advisor (email or hard copy).

Please forward this to your advisor no later than the Friday of the first week of class. The advisor will ensure that enrollment takes place.

For dates below referred to posted specifics on Honors College website:

<http://www.uakron.edu/honors/curriculum/honors-research-projectcurriculum.dot>