LeBron James Family Foundation School of Education
Honors Research Project Information Sheet

The Honors Research Project is an integral part of the UA (University of Akron) Honors experience, and every Honors College student must complete an acceptable Honors Research Project. Additional information on the Honors Research Project can be found through this website:
https://www.uakron.edu/honors/curriculum/honors-projects/

A database of Honors Research Projects from previous UA Honors students is accessible through this website: https://ideaexchange.uakron.edu/honors_research_projects/

Interdisciplinary, creative projects are encouraged, and your project could be any one of the following types:
Research Thesis - original scholarship investigating a significant question
  • Research Report - a formal written presentation of technical, laboratory, or investigative research
  • Literature Review - a survey of previously published scholarly work that addresses a particular topic or question.
  • Artistic or Creative Performance or Production - in the fine arts, applied arts, or performing arts; a written report, introduction, or commentary is required.

Beginning your project:
1. Meet with the School of Education Honors Advisor to discuss topics and project sponsors. Find the Advisor here: https://www.uakron.edu/honors/advising

2. Select a faculty sponsor, under whose direction you can plan, complete, and report on the project. Discuss your ideas about a research project with faculty you would like as a sponsor. Explanation of roles: https://www.uakron.edu/honors/curriculum/honors-projects/honors-projects-faculty.dot

3. With your sponsor's approval, plan the project and complete the Proposal Form. That form requires signatures from an evaluation committee that includes the sponsor and at least two other faculty readers. The evaluation committee may include extramural readers.

4. Complete the Proposal Form for an Honors Research Project which must include the following:
  • Tentative title of the project
  • Anticipated total number of credits
  • Goals & Objectives, Methodology (w/ anticipated timeline and date of completion), Outcomes, and Academic Impact.
  • Names and signatures of Honors Faculty Advisor, Sponsor, and Readers
  • https://www.uakron.edu/honors/curriculum/honors-projects/honors-projects-proposal.dot

Submitting the Proposal for your Honors Research Project

Students should be planning for the Honors Research Project during the junior year. Serious work on the project should begin at least a year and a half prior to your graduation date. Please see the School of Education timetable and dates for completing the project on the following page. If the project involves work with human subjects, you will need to submit IRB (Institutional Review Board) documents:
https://www.uakron.edu/research/ora/compliance/irb/.

Be sure to keep your readers informed of progress on your project throughout the semester. Send them copies of your work at regular intervals. Expect revisions based on your readers' comments. Once you have incorporated changes from your readers, your sponsor needs to approve the final copy. It is your sponsor who gives you the grade for the formal coursework. You will earn an "IP" for your project until the final copy is completed.

Submitting your Honors Research Project to the Honors College

Your research project must be submitted to https://ideaexchange.uakron.edu/honors_research_projects/.
Please scan the completed signature page and submit the signature page electronically as well.

Honors Project Timeline*

Project Sponsor: _____

Reader #1: _____

Reader #2: _____

Project Title: _____

*Suggested Timeline for those expecting to student teach during the Spring semester of the Senior year. Your Project Sponsor reserves the right to adjust these dates, this includes adjustments for those students who would like to complete the project the semester prior to student teaching.

Semester	Activity	Date Completed
Junior Year - Fall Semester	Meet with the School of Education Honors Advisor to discuss topics and project sponsors. https://www.uakron.edu/honors/advising	
Complete by October 31		
Complete by January 15	Research your area of interest and determine three topics for your project.	
Junior Year - Spring Semester	1. Meet with your faculty sponsor 2. Narrow your focus 3. Determine your project topic.	
Complete by February 15		
Complete by March 1	Determine and secure Readers 1 & 2 for participation in the project.	
Complete by March 15	Submit draft of your proposal to your sponsor. https://www.uakron.edu/honors/curriculum/honors-projects/honors-projects-proposal.dot	
Complete by May 1	1. Revise and complete proposal with sponsor approval. 2. Submit proposal to the Honors College 3. If the project involves work with human subjects, submit IRB documents: https://www.uakron.edu/research/ora/compliance/irb/	
Summer Break Junior Year through end of Fall Semester, Senior Year.	Complete and write the project. Meet with sponsor as needed. Please send monthly updates to your sponsor regarding your progress on the project.	
Senior Year - Spring Semester	Submit initial draft to your research sponsor.	
Complete by January 15		

Complete by February 15	1. Submit revised draft to your sponsor and two readers for final revisions and editing. 2. Submit your abstract (200 words max) to your sponsor and two readers.	
Complete by March 15	1. Submit final project with all revisions and corrections to sponsor and readers. 2. Submit abstract (200 words max) with all final revisions and corrections to sponsor and readers.	
Complete by April 1	1. Obtain signatures of project sponsor and both readers. 2. Obtain signature of School of Education Director. 3. Obtain signature of Honors Faculty Advisor 4. Obtain signature of Honors College Dean	
Complete by April 15	Submit your Honors Research Project with abstract electronically to https://ideaexchange.uakron.edu/honors_research_projects/ 1. Scan the signature page and submit it.	