

General Description

The Honors Project is the final academic requirement for the Degree with Honors, a designation listed on your graduation transcript and diploma. The Honors Project is the culmination of your St. Bonaventure University Honors experience. The Honors Project prepares you for the level of work expected of graduate students and professionals. Completing an Honors Project provides an opportunity to showcase your presentation skills, critical thinking, analysis, and creativity. The Honors Project is an original research or creative project requiring an investment of your time and effort that is equivalent to the investment that would be required in an advanced three-credit Honors courses. The Honors Project must include a final written document, a presentation of your work to your project committee, and a public display of your work (with a poster) at the Arts & Sciences Expo. Your Honors Project may be related to the capstone(s) in your major(s) but cannot be the same work. Honors Projects must take a minimum of 100 hours of work to complete, not including the preparation of the Proposal and the Preliminary Proposal.

The general schedule for the Honors Project is outline below:*

*If you are an education major you may need to take HON 499 in the Fall!

Learning Objectives for Honors Project

Student creates a project that demonstrates inquiry of a governing question.

Student develops a project that addresses a professional, scientific, social, cultural, historical, or artistic gap.

Student uses research or creative methods appropriate to the discipline(s) in which the project is situated.

Student creates a project of sufficient length and with narrow enough scope to fully realize stated goals and reach conclusions.

Components of Honors Project

Your Honors Project is composed of three parts: a Preliminary Proposal, a Proposal, and a Final Project. These parts will be completed over three consecutive semesters

Due 2nd Thursday in February in your Sophomore Year

You are responsible for designing the content and form of your Honors Project in conjunction with a committee of faculty members currently teaching at St. Bonaventure. It is your responsibility to identify a project adviser whose scholarly and/or professional expertise is directly in your area of work, a field e

Project Categories

The selection of a Project Category is required of the Preliminary Proposal and the Proposal. Only one Project Category can be selected. The Project Category dictates how your Preliminary Proposal and Proposal will be assessed by the Honors Council and your Honors Project Committee. The Project Categories, along with descriptions of these categories, are:

1. Empirical
 - a. A scientific study where data is collected and analyzed.
 - b. Generally, a faculty member in the Sciences will be the project advisor.
2. Mathematical/Theoretical/Computational
 - a. A study where a mathematical model or computational code is developed or applied to a problem or to increase further understanding of mathematics/computations.
 - b. Generally, a faculty member in the Sciences will be the project advisor.
3. Service Oriented
 - a. An activity that improves the campus community, regional community, and/or global community.
 - b. This is open to any faculty member.
4. Arts/Humanities/Communication
 - a. Original composition of creative work.
 - b. Generally, a faculty member in the Arts/Humanities or from the School of Communications will be the project advisor.
5. Entrepreneurial
 - a. The development and execution of a business idea/plan.
 - b. Generally, a faculty member from the School of Business will be the project advisor.

Selection of Honors Project Advisor

The selection of an Honors Project Advisor should be done via the Honors Project Advisor Selection Sheet, which can be found in the [Student Resources](#) page of the Honors Program. This form is due in PDF format to the Honors Director(s) by 2nd Thursday in February in your Sophomore Year. All appropriate signatures should be completed. Not adhering to this date will result in expulsion from the Honors P

Proposal Directions

The Proposal must be completed by Third Tuesday in April of your sophomore year. In order to move on to HON 498 & HON 499 and the completion of the Honors Project, the Proposal must be approved by the Honors Council. If your Proposal is not approved, you will not be able to complete the Honors Degree at St. Bonaventure University.

The Proposal should be a roadmap for the final stage of the Honors Project. It should convey the significance of the project to non-experts and satisfy the methodological questions that might be demanded by experts. The most common reason that proposals are returned for revision is a lack of connection to existing scholarly or creative work, the unclear stakes or impacts, or an absence of a clear set of procedures and timeline.

Each of the following sections must be addressed by the Proposal:

1. Title Page.

Title, your name, faculty adviser, proposal category, and faculty committee members.

2. Abstract.

Provide a brief, usually one paragraph, overview of the proposal. This should concisely explain what you plan to do and what you hope to accomplish. 100-300 words.

3. Background and rationale for project

- b. Design (*Why* have certain choices been made, such as test conditions, variables, and operational definitions as they relate to the hypotheses under investigation?)
- c. Procedures (*How* the plan will be executed?)
- d. Analysis (Provide a subsection of procedure detailing the anticipated statistical procedures including: descriptive statistics, inferential statistics, alpha levels, effect size, proportion of variance explained, confidence intervals. Power estimates may be particularly informative at the proposal stage.)
- e. IRB Approval Status (Does your project require IRB approval? If so, what is the status of your IRB approval? If not, why not? Provide a brief description of the effect size, f , d , ΣM)

- d. Identify concepts or findings from non-business areas that are critical
- e. Identify advisers from the business world who will provide feedback on

