

UHC 398 HONORS UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH REGISTRATION FORM

Missouri State University
Honors College

This 1, 2, or 3 credit hour allows students to gain research experience by working with an individual faculty member either as a research assistant or as a primary researcher working under a faculty member's supervision.

Students may enroll in this course alongside an existing course in their major (i.e. BIO 367 + UHC 398 with the biology instructor) or design this course as a stand-alone experience (i.e. only UHC 398 with an appropriate instructor).

This is an upper-level course and students are generally expected to be familiar with the core principles and methodologies in their major field. Students wishing to complete introductory readings in their field may register for UHC 396 Honors Independent Study.

The nature of individual projects will vary by academic discipline, but students should be prepared to satisfy the following expectations:

- Students will clearly articulate what their research topic is, how they plan to explore their topic, and collaborate with a faculty member to develop an appropriate list of assignments, readings, and other course expectations.
- Students will submit a written academic project or portfolio piece equivalent in rigor to the expectations for a research course in their respective majors. Students may generally expect to write 5-10 pages per credit hour, depending upon the academic discipline.
- Students will have regular contact with their course instructor throughout the course of the semester and receive significant input at major stages of the project's development.
- Students will utilize best practices in academic research and citation as expected in their major discipline.
- Students will learn how to formulate a research question, thesis, hypothesis, or project objective.
- Students will utilize appropriate methodologies in their major discipline and critically evaluate and synthesize source materials.
- When possible, students will produce or utilize primary source materials to support their thesis or hypothesis.
- Students will learn how to draw original conclusions from their analysis of their work.
- Students will learn how to communicate their findings with other scholars in their major discipline.
- While not formally required, students are encouraged to prepare their project as if they are presenting at a major conference or submitting to an academic journal for publication consideration.

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Student name: _____ M#: _____

Proposed course credit hours (1, 2, or 3): _____

Semester of study (fall, spring, summer): _____

Course instructor: _____

Complete this registration form with the assistance of your instructor. Be as detailed as possible and use additional pages if necessary.

1. What is the title and nature of your proposed research?
2. What are the requirements for your proposed course (list all assignments, readings, meetings, etc.)?
3. What will your final academic project or portfolio piece entail (list all expectations)?

By signing below, you acknowledge that you have reviewed the expectations for Honors Undergraduate Research outlined on the flip side of this form.

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

Instructor signature: _____ Date: _____

Department Head signature: _____ Date: _____

Honors College Director signature: _____ Date: _____

THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE HONORS COLLEGE BEFORE THE END OF THE FIRST WEEK OF CLASSES DURING THE SEMESTER YOU PLAN TO COMPLETE THE COURSE.