

# UHC 499 HONORS DISTINCTION PROJECT REGISTRATION FORM

## Missouri State University Honors College

The Honors Distinction Project is a capstone project prepared in accordance with the requirements for the Distinction in the Major program in the Honors College. Students will complete a significant intellectual project in the major under the supervision of a departmental faculty member.

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

- Students will produce a written academic project or portfolio piece equivalent in rigor to the expectations for a 400 or 500 level course in their respective majors.
- 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 not merely summarize the work of others, but rather develop an original thesis, hypothesis, or project objective.
- Students will draw original conclusions from their analysis of their work and be able to defend those conclusions from the leading paradigms in their major discipline.
- Students will demonstrate mastery of appropriate methodologies in their major discipline and the ability to critically evaluate and synthesize source materials.
- When possible, students will produce or utilize primary source materials to support their thesis or hypothesis.
- Students will utilize best practices in academic research and citation as expected in their major discipline.
- Students in the creative arts should demonstrate a sophisticated understanding of the creative process and the ability to produce compelling portfolio-quality work.
- Students will demonstrate an appreciation of the wider applicability of their scholarship and its context within the larger disciplinary conversations taking place within their major field.
- 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.
- While projects are not required to focus upon the Public Affairs Mission, students are encouraged to reflect upon one or more of the three pillars of the mission and to consider the broader social context of their work.
- Students will submit their final distinction project to the Honors College per the formatting expectations outlined in the Accelerated Honors Program Guide. All distinction projects are due on the final day of classes in December, May, or July.

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## UHC 499 (3-4 credit hours) Registration Form

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_ M#: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed course code and credit hours: \_\_\_\_\_

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 or nature of your proposed distinction project?
2. What are the requirements for your proposed course (list all assignments, readings, meetings, etc.)?
3. What will your final distinction project or portfolio piece entail (list all expectations)?
4. What qualifies this project as an honors distinction project?

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

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Advisor 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.**