

SENIOR HONORS THESIS LEARNING CONTRACT

Department or Curriculum Name: _____

Course Numbers: _____

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student's Name: _____

PID: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Major(s)/Minor(s): _____

Expected Graduation: May August December Year: _____

First Semester of Honors Sequence: Fall Spring Year: _____

**Students may not start the sequence in the spring semester unless they will be graduating the following December. Honors thesis courses cannot be taken over during summer sessions.

Cumulative GPA: _____ Major GPA: _____

** Students completing senior honors theses must have at least a 3.300 cumulative GPA at the beginning, end, and all points during the two semesters that they work on their projects.

THESIS ADVISOR AND COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Faculty Advisor

Advisor's Name: _____

Email: _____

Office #: _____

Advisor's Senior Honors Thesis Section #: _____ (can be obtained from the department registrar)

**Tenured and tenure-track faculty, postdoctoral fellows with teaching appointments, and fixed-term faculty who have been employed by Communication Studies for at least one year may serve as senior honors thesis advisors. Advisors must have a permanent or adjunct appointment in the Communication Studies Department. Graduate students may not serve as thesis advisors or as instructors for senior honors thesis courses.

Committee Members

The Committee must consist of an advisor and at least one other member.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Department/Curriculum: _____

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** Tenured and tenure-track faculty, retired faculty, postdoctoral fellows with teaching appointments, and fixed-term faculty who have been employed by an academic unit for at least one year may serve as committee members. Graduate students may not serve as members of Honors thesis committees. Members may be drawn from any academic unit at UNC-Chapel Hill or from another accredited college or university, as deemed appropriate and approved by the project advisor. Once assembled in consultation with the project advisor, the committee must be approved by the Director of Undergraduate Studies.

PROJECT DETAILS/SCHEDULE

**Students should expect to devote a minimum of nine hours per week during both semesters of the Honors sequence.

Project Topic: _____

Brief description of the project including an outline of the scope and direction of the research (if the thesis is a creative project, please include the specifics of the writing component):

Schedule of meetings with advisor: _____

Readings (due dates, if relevant): _____

Target dates for submissions (interim chapters or reports for review): _____

Assessment (e.g., % of course grade based on each requirement): _____

Near-final copy of thesis due: _____

Thesis defense date: _____

All thesis work (including defense) must be completed by: _____

Thesis must be uploaded to the Carolina Document Repository by: _____

** University deadlines and uploading instructions can be found on the [Carolina Honors website](#)

I am attaching a syllabus containing ALL these required elements.

STUDENT, ADVISOR, AND ADMINISTRATIVE SIGNATURES

This is considered a contract between the advisor and the student. Deviations from this contract should be updated and documented to the extent possible by the advisor and student.

Advisor and Student Responsibilities

I have read the requirements expected of the advisor, agree to undertake these responsibilities, and will abide by the Honor Code's responsibilities of faculty.

Advisor* _____

Date _____

I have read the requirements expected of the student, agree to undertake these responsibilities, and will abide by the Honor Code's responsibilities of students.

Student _____

Date _____

Director of Undergraduate Studies Approval**

This senior honors thesis proposal and committee have been reviewed and approved by the Director of Undergraduate Studies.

Date _____

Director of Undergraduate Studies

**If the Director of Undergraduate Studies is an advisor or committee member for this senior honors thesis, it must also be approved by the Department Chair.

Date _____

Department Chair

** If the Department Chair is the student's honors thesis advisor, this form must be signed by the Chair's Senior Associate Dean (SAD).

Note: The Departments must maintain copies of this contract for a minimum of four years.