

Honors Thesis Student Agreement

The student is responsible for meeting the thesis requirements of the Honors Program, which includes the required courses, HP 390 and HP 490, and research, writing, and presentation of the thesis itself. By signing below, the student acknowledges that he/she understands the requirements as documented in the Honors Program Handbook and agrees to meet the commitments:

I will develop a focused and feasible project to which I am genuinely committed and for which I am properly prepared.

I will find a faculty advisor to advise me. My advisor should be genuinely interested in me and my project and have demonstrated qualifications to mentor my project. I am responsible for securing a signed "Advisor's Agreement" that is to be submitted to the Honors Program.

I will be responsible for developing and maintaining a good working relationship with my advisor. I will ensure that my advisor and I have a shared set of expectations about the thesis research and writing process. We will agree to a schedule of activities and deadlines for completion of the components of my thesis.

I will meet regularly with my advisor. I will be on time and come prepared for each meeting. I will have completed assignments and be ready to ask specific questions or engage in particular topics of discussion. If I cannot make a meeting or meet a deadline I will inform my advisor in advance.

I will regularly submit reports of my work and drafts of my writing so that my advisor can give me feedback and guidance. I will respect my advisor's experience and expertise, and will be expected to respond positively and promptly to his/her advice. I may disagree and may receive conflicting advice from multiple advisors, and in such cases I will make open and informed choices that I will be able to explain and justify.

I will respond in a timely fashion to all communications from my faculty advisor and the Honors Program, and apprise them of any anticipated problems or changes in my project. Should any breakdown in communication occur or any serious obstacles develop in my thesis project, I will immediately inform the Director of the Honors Program and seek assistance.

I will conduct research responsibly and ethically. I will not plagiarize nor commit any kind of fraud. I will make clear the distinction between my own original contribution and the work of a team or other individuals. I will cite and document sources, and write quotations, summaries, and paraphrases with care so as to distinguish my ideas and words from those of other writers.

I will write my thesis according to professional standards of my field. My work should be of publishable quality. I will ensure that all drafts of my work are grammatically correct and thoroughly proofread before submitting them for review to my advisor and/or the Honors Program.

Student's name: _____

Signature/Date: _____