Honors Capstone Project Preproposal, due at midterm the semester before HON-498

Submit the following as a single document to the Moodle page for Honors Class of 2020. Title the document with your last name, first name and the word Preproposal: LastnameFirstNamePreproposal.

1. **Cover page** with your name, a tentative title for your work, a list of committee members

2. **Signature page**, provided here. The Preproposal must be submitted with the signature page indicating that all Honors Committee members have reviewed the preproposal and approve of submission and service on your committee for the next year. Submit either the original with a printed copy or keep the original and scan the signature page to include in your electronic document.

3. **The Preproposal**
   This is written in consultation with your entire committee. We expect approximately 850 words, approximately two double-spaced pages of 10-point font, summarizing the basic aspects of your anticipated project. Divide your narrative into these sections and being as specific as possible in the development ideas at this point. Label each section with the corresponding letters below.
   - **A. What is your topic?** What is the conceptual framework, the objectives, or the specific aims? Explain with which academic endeavor at the University your topic most aligns.
   - **B. Why do it?** What is the rationale or significance? What needs to be known or discovered? What story needs to be shared? Cite relevant sources.
   - **C. What has been done previously?** Summarize the relevant and necessary scholarly background on the state-of-the-art knowledge or practice in your area. Summarize also those sources outlining the methodologies or techniques you will need to use. Cite relevant sources.
   - **D. How will you do it?** What is your research approach, your creative approach, or your general plan. This is the place to discuss proposed methods or a limited range of possible methods of inquiry or creativity. Cite relevant sources.
   - **E. What might the outcomes mean or contribute?** What are the broader impacts? We hope that capstones are planned to have impact beyond the classroom. What might be the potential impact of your work be?
   - **F. Coursework.** The Honor Capstone Project should be ground in a scholarly pursuit and build upon your training in that area. List the numbers and names of courses that you have completed or will complete this semester that serve as that grounding. These courses should be beyond introductory coursework and include courses in methods, techniques, and content areas. For example, preparation for doing scientific research requires courses in research methods, statistics, and specific areas of scientific inquiry.

4. **References.** List the sources that you cited in the Preproposal. We expect that these will be the core resources that have guided development so far. Below these, List also resources that you anticipate utilizing. Use whichever professional format (APA, MLA…) is most appropriate.
Committee Signature Page, Honors Capstone Project
Submitted with the Preproposal

Student’s Name:

E-mail Address:

Major Department:

The first three members of the committee should be full-time teaching faculty at the university. The optional fourth member may be someone with relevant expertise to share and be located on or off campus.

By signing below, each of these committee members attests to having read and offered comments on the above student’s preproposal. This also attests to the commitment to help shape the student’s proposal for HON-498 and their finished product for HON-499.

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Project Advisor

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Field Examiner

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Faculty Examiner

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Optional 4th Member

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