

Pittsburg State University College of Education

Departmental Academic Honors Approval Criteria

Approval for a College of Education Departmental Academic Honors project will be determined based on the following criteria.

1. If the project is a typed paper, it must abide by the following *minimum* requirements:
 - a. 15 pages, in length, double-spaced
 - b. 10 references, of quality academic rigor
 - c. Properly formatted following current APA guidelines
2. If the project is a combination of a typed paper and a public presentation, it must abide by the following *minimum* requirements:
 - a. Paper is 10 pages in length, double-spaced, with at least 10 references of quality academic rigor
 - b. Paper is properly formatted following current APA guidelines
 - c. Presentation is at least 15 minutes in length, presented to an actual audience
3. If the project consists of lesson plans, it must abide by the following *minimum* requirements:
 - a. Consist of an entire UNIT plan packet (at least 10 individual lessons), not simply a mish-mash of lessons
 - b. EACH lesson in the unit plan must be written using a formal lesson plan template, including all aspects of an effective lesson plan (i.e. differentiation, guided practice, closure, independent practice, etc.)
 - c. No copying and pasting of lessons readily available on the internet – need to reinvent the wheel for these
 - d. Each lesson should include a bibliography of at least 5 resources used to create the lesson.
4. If the project consists of a mode of presentation other than those specified above, it must abide by the following *minimum* requirements:
 - a. Content is relevant to the course
 - b. Must include a public presentation
 - c. When presented to an audience (public presentation), the project should take at least 20-25 minutes to display/present/explain
 - d. Project includes a bibliography/credits, with at least 10 references of quality academic rigor
5. Each project should include a cover page explaining the purpose of the project along with a summary of relevant findings and how the information can be used in the students' chosen practice.
6. All projects must go **SIGNIFICANTLY** above and beyond regular course expectations.
 - a. The university requirement for a DAH project indicate an additional 20-25 hours of work beyond regular course expectations.