

## **What kinds of projects can be involved?**

### Department of Communication -- Standards and Guidelines for Honors Projects

Per policy, each academic department should develop baseline standards and guidelines for Honors Projects within their discipline. These standards and guidelines should be forwarded to the College Academic Honors Committee and the Registrar's Office where they will be reviewed and kept on file.

The Department of Communication strives to approve honors projects that explore critical and creative thinking skills that truly push students beyond the norm. This should not just be an "extra credit" type of exercise, but rather a project that enhances the depth and breadth of student learning in the course. The honors project should encompass about 20-25 hours of work and, per university policy, the student must earn an "A" or "B" in the course in addition to completing the contracted honors project.

The departmental academic honors contract is designed to foster creativity in projects which are acceptable both to the honors student and the professor. The examples given here are just that—examples. While the respective College Academic Honors Committee is responsible for final approval of the project, the following list provides a list of suggested projects. The list is not in any way intended to limit the scope or nature of projects.

- Class/Public presentation of research undertaken for the honors contract project. Typically in the range of 20-30 minutes, accompanied by a power point presentation or some other sort of visual aid.
- Original theatrical script, performance, or design; audio/visual production, or other work of art that is beyond the normal scope of the specific course requirements for the major
- Research paper or written report (usually 9-12 pages) utilizing quantitative, qualitative, historical, or critical methodologies in the communication field.

**In the case of all written documents and oral presentations, an appropriate bibliography is required in the style determined by the professor.**

Students who participate in the Departmental Academic Honors Program are encouraged to enter the annual Research Colloquium sponsored each spring term by the Office of Graduate and Continuing Studies.