

## **Family & Consumer Sciences Standards and Guidelines for Departmental Honors Projects**

The Family & Consumer Sciences department follows the university standards and guidelines for departmental honors projects.

Projects should explore critical and creative thinking skills that truly push the students beyond the norm. This should not just be an exercise, but rather a project that will truly enhance student learning in the course.

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 scope and length of the project is up to the respective College Departmental Academic Honors Committee to establish, the following list is presented to provide some historical perspective on past projects accepted by the Faculty Senate Departmental Academic Honors Committee. 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 computer program or project
- Original musical composition, sculpture, theatrical script, or other work of art, or recital of musical work (s) that is beyond the normal scope of the degree requirements for the major
- Additional laboratory experiments or mathematical problems, followed by written report, typically at least 5-8 pages in length
- Research paper or written report (usually 8-12 pages) based on interviews, library resources on a topic related to the course, a biography of a famous person in the academic field, or a review of additional readings (books, articles) related to the course

**In the case of all written documents and presentations, an appropriate bibliography is required.**

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.