

HONR 400- Senior Honors Project (3 credit hours)

Instructions

The goal of the HONR 400- Service Learning Project is to provide Honors students with a culminating experience that ties together their study of the Franciscan values with the experiences of their major field. Students are asked in conjunction with a mentor from their major field to design a senior project that meets three criteria: 1) it is an appropriate senior project in their field of study, 2) it offers an opportunity to reflect upon and integrate Franciscan values in some way, and 3) it is above and beyond any normal requirements in the field of study in regards to a senior project.

For the student

To receive permission to register for HONR 400, students need to complete a project request form and return it to the Honors Director in time to be considered by the Honors Council. Project proposals must be received prior to the final Honors Council meeting of each semester. Approval of the Honors Council is necessary to receive credit for the project. Permission will not be given for projects already completed or underway. To qualify, a project must receive prior approval.

- The project must:
- Be planned with a faculty member in your field of study in order to make sure it is an appropriate project that means the above criteria. You will need time to plan this.
 - The result of your project (a paper, an exhibition, etc.) will be presented to the public at a special Saturday gathering in late April. Other arrangements for public presentation can be made with the consent of the Honors Council. The program will not be considered successfully completed until a public presentation of the results has been made.

Course Requirements

- weekly or biweekly meetings with the faculty member to discuss the project and to help the student reflect on how the project or project process further illuminates the Franciscan values the project addresses.
- the final project must be forwarded to the Honors Council. If there is no final written document that results from the project (a research paper, etc.) a short final reflection on how the project enhanced the student's understanding of the Franciscan values in his or her own field should be forwarded instead.
- a public presentation is required in order for the student to receive credit for the project towards graduating in the Honors Program. A student completing a project in the fall semester still receives a grade for the course but the course will not count towards the Honors Program requirements until the successful completion of a public presentation in the spring semester.

Faculty

- conduct weekly meetings with the student to discuss project planning or implementation and to help the student reflect on how the project or project process further illuminates the Franciscan values the project addresses.
- determine a grade for the student project based on the discussions, final reflection, and overall project outcome.
- present an overall report to the Honors Council once the project is completed that includes the final student reflection and your overall assessment of the project.
- maintain contact with the Honors Council/Honors Director during the course of the project to resolve difficulties or conflicts that might arise.