

Semester Departmental Honors Requirements

Department Name: English

The Departmental Honors Scholar degree designation is awarded through the University Honors Program at Wright State University. For your convenience, this template reflects typical departmental honors requirements, and you may find that this template will help you to convert the existing quarter requirements to semester requirements.

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Eligibility Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cumulative and/or major GPAs • Earned credit hours 	The expectation is that students have a GPA of 3.0 or higher in all courses and 3.5 or above in all English courses. Students must be approaching senior status to begin an Honors project.
Proposal and Approval Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirements for a student proposal • Details about the department's approval of the proposal 	The proposal should outline a project—a critical study, a series of poems, a collection of short stories, or a novel—that merits two semesters worth of study. It should not have been undertaken previously or in another class. Students are expected to take a description of their project to potential advisors and find someone willing to advise them based on mutual interests and compatibilities.
Academic Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Length, scope, and nature of the research/project/internship/co-op/performance • Course(s), credit hours (typically 3-6 semester hours), and required grades • Presentation (if required) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No length is stipulated. Rather, the student and advisor reach a mutual decision based on the nature of the project. For instance, literature faculty see 25-30 pages as a reasonable length for a critical study. • ENG 4980 (1 credit) and ENG 4990 (2 credits). Students are assigned an Incomplete for 4980 until 4990 has been successfully completed, whereupon a letter grade is assigned for both courses. • Presentation (30 minutes with Q and A to follow) is required.
Evaluation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the criterion • List who will determine satisfactory completion of the departmental honors requirements 	Single faculty member serving as advisor decides the criteria for evaluation and determines whether student has successfully completed the requirements.
Project Oversight <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detail who will serve as a student's project advisor (a single faculty member, department committee, and/or department chair) 	Single faculty member
Timeline <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the typical timeline for completion of the project, including milestones for when a student should apply to, begin work on, and complete the project 	Two terms, whether quarter or semester. Student should apply during junior year and commence work on project either at the end of the junior year or at the beginning of the senior year.
Q2S Transition Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a student begins an honors project on the quarter system but will complete the project on the 	Honors seminars will transition 1:1, that is, a student must take each term of English Honors tutorial 498/4980 and 499/4990. If they have successfully completed 498, they are eligible to enroll in 4990.

semester system, describe the transition plan, including Q2S course equivalencies	
Forms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attach any forms a student must complete in conjunction with the departmental honors project (admission, approval, etc.) 	See attached for standard application form.

Application for English Honors

I, _____, student UID _____, having satisfied the suggested qualifications, here apply for Honors in English for the _____ term. I have consulted with Professor _____, whose signature below indicates willingness to be my tutor during two terms of tutorial, English 4980 and English 4990, respectively. Together we shall meet regularly (at least two hours a week) in preparation for my Honors Project (4980) and in supervision of that Honors Project (4990). The general nature of the Honors Project, as I see it today at the time of application (Date _____), is:

Tutor's Comments: _____

Student Signature

Tutor Signature

We agree to keep weekly written records of our tutorial sessions, turning these in to the Honors advisor at the conclusion of each quarter's tutorial.

Approved, English Department Honors Advisor:

Approved, English Department Chair:

(Please attach a list of courses completed with grades, signed by Department Advisor.)

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