Application
Interdisciplinary Honors Thesis
The deadline for submission of the full application is Monday, April 25, 2016.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name: Mr./Ms. ___________________________ RUID: _______________________
Email: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________

I currently live: ___ on campus ___ off campus ___ in the NB area at home and commute.

On-Campus Building and Room: ___________________________ Campus: __________

Off-Campus Address: ___________________________ City: __________ State: ___ Zip: ____

Home Address: ___________________________ City: __________ State: ___ Zip: ____

Research Exp: Yes No If yes, please describe: __________________________________________
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Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.400. The “GPA in the relevant disciplines” is based on all the courses taken in the disciplines in which the Interdisciplinary Honors Thesis will be completed; at least 18 such credits in those disciplines are recommended.

Cumulative GPA: ______ GPA in Relevant Disciplines: ______

An Interdisciplinary Honors Thesis is usually undertaken in the senior year. A student completing an Interdisciplinary Honors Thesis will enroll in Honors Interdisciplinary Thesis, 01:090:495-496, each 3 credits, and in Research Workshop, 01:090:491-492, each 1 credit. SAS Interdisciplinary Honors Thesis credit cannot be obtained without completing two semesters of 3 credits each, 6 credits in all.

Group or joint projects with other students are not permitted.

Proposed Title of Thesis: __________________________________________

First Advisor Name: ___________________________ Department: ________________________
Second Advisor Name: ___________________________ Department: ________________________

Disciplinary Clearance: A disciplinary review will be done on all students who submit a proposal.

Approval of the thesis proposal is at the discretion of the SAS Interdisciplinary Honors Thesis Committee, which will review the proposal and the applicant’s overall academic record.

ACTION OF SAS INTERDISCIPLINARY HONORS THESIS COMMITTEE:

Accepted: ______________ Not Accepted: ______________ Committee Member

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Advisor Approvals and Student Acknowledgement

APPROVAL OF THESIS ADVISORS: I have reviewed this SAS Interdisciplinary Honors Thesis proposal, and I agree to act as thesis advisor for the project. I understand that the deadline for completion of the thesis and oral defense is Monday, April 10, 2017.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

First Advisor

__________________
Name
__________________
Signature
__________________
Faculty Title

Email
Department
Department Address

Second Advisor

__________________
Name
__________________
Signature
__________________
Faculty Title

Email
Department
Department Address

FOR LABORATORY PROJECTS ONLY

__________ Check here if lab agrees to supply all necessary materials and equipment.

FOR PROJECTS INVOLVING HUMAN SUBJECTS

I understand that if my project involves interviewing, surveying, observing, sampling, testing, or obtaining private identifiable data on human subjects, I must complete the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Basic Course, submit the appropriate application to the Institutional Review Board (IRB) by the posted deadline, and receive IRB approval.

IRB Approval Required? Yes _____ No _____
IRB Application Submitted? Yes _____ (specify date submitted) _______ No _____ (specify expected submission date)
IRB Approved? Yes _____ (submit approval letter) No _____ (please explain below)

If IRB approval is required, the student must submit the approval letter to this office by no later than Friday, September 23, 2016. Please note that failure to acknowledge responsibility for IRB approval will result in denial of this application. For more information on the CITI basic course and the IRB application and deadline, visit https://orra.rutgers.edu/irb.

STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES

I agree to comply with the policies of the SAS Interdisciplinary Honors Thesis. I understand that the deadline for completion of the thesis and oral defense is Monday, April 10, 2017.

__________________
Name (please print)
__________________
Signature
__________________
Date

Please initial:

_____ I understand that if I register to undertake an SAS Interdisciplinary Honors Thesis, I may not register for additional Internships, Independent Study courses, or Research credits.

_____ I intend to graduate in May 2017.
Application Checklist

All components of your application must be reviewed by your advisor(s) before you submit the following materials:

_____ Completed Cover Page

_____ Completed Advisor Approvals and Acknowledgement page, including all signatures

_____ Current full transcript, printed from Student Online Services https://sis.rutgers.edu/tags/

_____ Project Overview, a typed, double-spaced statement, a minimum of 2 pages, which describes your proposed project. The overview must include the following components:

- Statement of your thesis question
- Brief synopsis of the present state of knowledge in the area in which you will be working
- Statement of research methods
- Statement of your goals in doing the research
- Statement of how your study will contribute to the advancement of our understanding
- Statement of any preliminary work already completed

*The Project Overview must be reasonably comprehensible to the non-specialist reader.*

_____ Annotated Bibliography (cited in an appropriately scholarly fashion) -- This will not be your final bibliography, but will provide reviewers a sense of your general approach.

_____ If necessary, Institutional Review Board Clearance: If the project involves interviewing, surveying, observing, sampling, testing or obtaining private identifiable data on human subjects, you must obtain clearance from the Office of Research Regulatory Affairs (https://orra.rutgers.edu/irb) by submitting the appropriate Institutional Review Board application by the posted deadline. You must provide a copy of the approval.

_____ Previous Research Experience: A statement of any research experience that you have had with your proposed topic or within your major/minor. Indicate if the research experience was paid, volunteer, or for credit.

_____ Personal Interest: A statement describing your personal interests that led you to undertake the research. Include what you find most interesting about the field and topic that you propose to study, and what personal goals you hope to achieve by researching this topic. If your project relates to your career interests, explain the connection.

Submit the full application packet to:

Office of Undergraduate Education, SAS
35 College Avenue
New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901

For information or questions, call 848-932-7964.

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NOTE: ONLY THOSE APPLICATIONS WHICH INCLUDE ALL NECESSARY SIGNATURES AND APPROVALS, AND ALL MATERIALS LISTED ON THE APPLICATION CHECKLIST, WILL BE CONSIDERED COMPLETE. NO APPLICATION WILL BE REVIEWED UNTIL IT IS COMPLETE.