

Interdisciplinary Honors Thesis Application

The deadline for submission of the full application is Monday, May 1, 2023.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name: _____

RUID: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Research Experience: Yes No

If yes, please describe:

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 this two semester sequence, 8 credits in all. Group or joint projects with other students are not permitted.

Proposed Title of Thesis: _____

Primary Faculty Advisor Name: _____

Primary Advisor Department: _____

Primary Advisor Email: _____

Secondary Faculty Advisor Name: _____

Secondary Advisor Department: _____

Secondary Advisor Email: _____

Faculty 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 an oral defense is required.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Primary Faculty Advisor

Name

Faculty Title

Signature

Department & Campus

Secondary Faculty Advisor

Name

Faculty Title

Signature

Department & Campus

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 follow the protocol of the [Human Subjects Protection Program](#). Check the appropriate option below:

_____ My project DOES involve human subjects and will require IRB approval. I will comply with all requirements and heed all deadlines.

_____ My project DOES NOT involve human subjects or require IRB approval.

STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES: I agree to comply with the policies of the SAS Interdisciplinary Honors Thesis. I understand that the thesis and oral defense must be completed by the established deadlines.

Signature

Date

Please initial:

_____ I understand that if I register to undertake an SAS Interdisciplinary Honors Thesis, I may not register for additional independent study courses or research credits and may not sign up for more than a total of 19 credits.

_____ I intend to graduate in May 2023.

Application Checklist

*All components of your application must be reviewed
by your faculty advisors before you submit the following materials:*

_____ **Completed Cover Page**

_____ **Completed Thesis 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 [Human Subjects Protection Program](#) by submitting the appropriate Institutional Review Board application by the posted deadline.

_____ **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
School of Arts and Sciences Honors Program
honors@sas.rutgers.edu

NOTE: ONLY THOSE APPLICATIONS THAT 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.