

# Newcomb Tulane College Honors Program

## Honors Thesis Prospectus

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The prospectus should be a full statement of the topic for the thesis, as developed in consultation with the thesis advisor/first reader, second reader, and any other faculty member expected to contribute to the thesis. It is expected that Honors Theses will develop and change over the course of the year in ways that cannot be anticipated at the beginning of the process. At the same time, a prospectus provides direction for the student's research and is an essential starting point for an extended research project. Students may find the book *The Craft of Research* by Booth, Colomb, and Williams helpful in shaping the prospectus.

**The prospectus must include the following elements:**

- A title
- A statement of the topic of the thesis in terms of a question to be asked, a problem to be explored, or a hypothesis to be tested
- A discussion of what scholars or relevant experts have said and are saying about the topic
- The scope of the study, the methods or approaches to be used, and the materials or data to be used in research
- A statement, however provisional, of the importance of the topic: what will this thesis accomplish and why does it matter?
- A preliminary bibliography

The prospectus should be three to five pages in length, double-spaced, exclusive of bibliography. The first and second readers must sign below, signifying their approval of the prospectus. The prospectus and this signed form are due to the Honors Program by **Friday, September 4, 2020**.

Students are not required to have a third reader confirmed at the time the prospectus is submitted. The thesis committee must be finalized and the third reader confirmed before the first progress report is submitted.

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First or Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Tulane ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Pronouns: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Major or majors for which thesis is being written: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you and your committee determined that the project will involve human subjects and will require IRB approval? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If IRB approval is required, have you begun the IRB process? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Honors courses (or equivalents) taken: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed title of thesis: \_\_\_\_\_

***For the faculty advisors/readers:***

**If you have any questions about the prospectus or about the Honors Thesis in general, please contact Trina Beck at 504-314-2806 or [tbeck@tulane.edu](mailto:tbeck@tulane.edu).**

I have read the attached prospectus and am satisfied that the proposed thesis project is intellectually credible, achievable, and up to the standard of the Honors Thesis:

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First Reader or Co-Director\* (circle one)  
(**print** name)

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First Reader or Co-Director\* (circle one)  
(**sign** name)

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Second Reader or Co-Director\* (circle one)  
(**print** name)

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Second Reader or Co-Director\* (circle one)  
(**sign** name)

**\*If a student writes for two majors, the first and second readers serve as co-directors.**