

THE HONORS PROGRAM IN ART

The Honors Program allows a student to do a focused, year-long, original project under the close supervision of a faculty advisor. Students enroll in Art 491 one semester and 492 the next for six credits that are not considered as part of any departmentally restricted totals for the major. If the award of honors is made, the student's transcript will state that he/she graduated with "Honors in Art." The Honors Program is particularly important for students who plan to attend graduate school in art history or studio art.

Qualifications:

In order to qualify for consideration for the Honors Program in Art, a student must be an Art Major and have: a cumulative standing in Art of 3.5; an overall cumulative of 3.0; a total of 70 or more completed credits, at least 18 of which are in Art (a minimum of 9 credits on this campus, of which at least 6 are above the 200-level). Honors projects should be undertaken during the student's last two semesters at the University.

Proposal:

Qualified students who wish to enter the Honors Program must submit a letter of intent form (see verso) to the advisor before the end of the term preceding enrollment in Art 491. The student has until the first day of the term during which Art 491 will be taken to present a complete proposal to the advisor and chair. The chair in consultation with the advisor will then establish the Honors Committee.

The proposal should consist of a plan for creative work and/or scholarly research. In the area of art history, it should include a statement of the problem, summary of the literature, schedule for research, and bibliography. In the area of studio art, the proposal should include a statement of the problem, work schedule, and relevant bibliography.

Honors Committee:

The Honors Committee (three members) is to be appointed by the Department Chair. The Committee will consist of the project advisor and two other faculty in the area of expertise, which may include one faculty member from another department or the Chair.

Evaluation Procedure:

The Honors Committee is required to meet at the end of the semester during which Art 491 is taken in order to make one of the following non-binding recommendations: 1) continue candidacy; 2) candidacy in question; 3) candidacy in doubt. Students may elect to withdraw from candidacy for Honors in Art and continue coursework without jeopardy to grades or credit.

For projects in studio art, the Honors Committee will meet with the student to view and evaluate the completed project prior to April 30 (for Spring graduation) or December 1 (for Fall graduation). The student is expected at that time to be able to discuss his/her goals and answer questions from the Committee about the work. It is required that the project be in an exhibitable form (matted or mounted) at the time of this meeting.

For projects in art history, the Honors Committee must receive three copies of the completed thesis and all illustrative material no later than April 15 (for Spring graduation) or December 1 (for Fall graduation).

The award of Honors will be made by a majority vote of the Honors Committee based on the work for Art 491 and 492. The grades for the coursework in Art 491 and 492 will be awarded by the supervisory faculty member.

Letter of Intent Form: Honors Program, Art Department

This form must be completed by all students interested in the Honors Program in Art and must be submitted to the proposed advisor before the end of the term prior to the term in which the student proposes to enroll in Art 491. (For example, if a student plans to graduate in Spring 1997, the form would have to be submitted in Spring 1996. If a student plans to graduate in December 1997, the form would have to be submitted before the end of the Fall 1996 term).

I, _____, _____,
name of student student ID no.
an Art Major, would like to participate in the Honors Program in Art. I have read the description of the Program and understand the pre-requisites and timetable for completion of work. **I append with this letter a copy of my most recent transcript.**

I would like _____ to serve as my faculty advisor for this project. I understand that I will need to work with this advisor to complete a project proposal to be approved by the advisor and Art Department chair before the beginning of the term in which Art 491 will be taken.

signature of student date

signature of advisor date

(The faculty member, by here signing, accepts to serve as Honors Project advisor presupposing an adequate project proposal is submitted. The faculty member is also responsible for checking to see if the student meets the eligibility requirements for the Honors Program)

The signed copy of this Letter of Intent Form and the transcript must be given to the Chair.