Today’s Agenda

- Your Honors Facilitator presents:
  
  Honors Learning Experiences
  
  • Honors Research
“Navigating the Honors Program”

• ReggieNet Quiz
• Open now
• Due by Monday, November 28
Honors Research
A meaningful Honors Contract experience might set the foundation for future Honors Research.
Benefits of Honors Research

- Flexibility
- Independence
- Mentoring
- Gain new skills
- Set yourself apart
I like the freedom and flexibility that doing an independent study allows. Being able to study something specific that I am interested in is a cool opportunity.

I liked that I was able to work closely with professors as well as graduate students. I was able to learn lab skills that I will use in the future.

I liked how flexible the experience was and how I had a say in what I was doing and when.

I enjoyed the challenge it offered and the chance to present at the research symposium.

I enjoyed the freedom I had in choosing what I wanted to research and how I wanted to showcase the research I had completed.
## Honors Research Process

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<td>Additional credit hours you register and pay for</td>
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<td>Establish during registration OR at the beginning of the semester</td>
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<td>Submit a form to receive permission to register</td>
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<td>1 credit hour = 3 hours/week; 45 hours total</td>
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<td>Earn a grade</td>
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**Stuart Palmer** is the contact for Research.
Honors Research

- 3 types of Honors Research
  - HON 285/286: Honors Undergraduate Research
  - XXX 299: Honors Independent Study
  - HON 395aXX: Honors Thesis
HON 285/286: Honors Undergraduate Research

- Gain experience in research methodology
- Independent work with faculty OR
- Member of a research team
- Most common major doing HON 285/286: Psychology
HON 285: Honors Undergraduate Research

Independent Work
- Sociology major
- 1 credit hour = 3 hours/week; 45 hours total
- Periodic meetings with supervising faculty
- Transcription and coding of interview data

Research Lab
- Psychology major
- 2 credit hours = 6 hours/week; 90 hours total
- Weekly lab meetings
- Training in ethics and methods
- Independent responsibilities
- Weekly research logs
Honors Research

HON 285: Honors Undergraduate Research

Danielle Tenca

- Human Development and Family Science major
- Life Satisfaction in Ambivalent Romantic Relationships
XXX 299: Honors Independent Study

- Investigate a topic of personal interest
- Final product could be research or a resource
- Biology and Chemistry majors should take 299
Honors Research

Health Sciences
- Vaccine hesitancy on college campuses

Nursing
- COVID-19’s effects on nursing students’ mental health and success levels

Teaching and Learning
- Effect of dual language program enrollment on student social competence

Creative Technologies
- History and uses of analogue synthesizers in audio production
Honors Research

HON 395aXX: Honors Thesis

- Independent research project
- Preparation for graduate study or publication
- Most common majors: English and Psychology
Honors Research

HON 395aXX: Honors Thesis

**English**
- 30 – 40 page paper
- Faculty panel review
- Oral defense
- Honors in the Major capstone

**Psychology**
- Independent research project
- Presentation at the Psychology Honors Symposium
- Honors in the Major capstone
Honors Research

• Submit the appropriate Honors Research form by the deadline.
• The Honors Program reviews for clarity and completeness.
• Register for the appropriate credit hours after notification of the override.
## End of the semester

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<td>Contact students with form to reflect on the experience.</td>
<td>Submit final products to faculty supervisor.</td>
<td>Evaluate student’s work.</td>
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<td>Contact faculty supervisors with the opportunity to comment on student’s work.</td>
<td>Submit reflection form.</td>
<td>Submit a grade for the Honors Research Experience.</td>
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<td>Keep a record of the research for future reference.</td>
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Share Your Scholarly Work

- University Research Symposium
- Department/School Research Symposiums
- Honors Council of the Illinois Region Student Symposium
- Discipline specific conferences

Students can apply for funding from the Honors Program
Getting Started: What is student research at Illinois State?

Each academic discipline has its own definition of research. Research can be a process of discovery, a process of interpretation, or the development of solutions to a problem. Academic research generally entails in-depth analysis and systematic inquiry that leads to new results, meanings, or products.

At the Office of Student Research, research is an inclusive term that includes many forms of inquiry, scholarly creativity, and innovation. Student research is systematic inquiry or investigation conducted by a student that makes an original intellectual or creative contribution to the discipline.

Student research encompasses diverse activities that occur in the context of specific courses or as independent scholarship. Illinois State University provides opportunities for both undergraduate and graduate students to develop research and scholarly inquiry skills.

The Office of Student Research fosters all kinds of student research, creative scholarship, and innovation that is:

- Conducted according to standards in their discipline.
- Disseminated in the ways appropriate to their discipline.
- Developed in conjunction with a faculty mentor.