



Honors College Senior Project

Overview

What is the Honors College Senior Project?

Individual departments have different expectations for completing the Honors Senior Project; thus, depending on your major, there are up to five options available to you. The unifying thread for all Honors Senior Projects is that they contribute to the development of disciplinary knowledge or practice in new ways, and that they result in a piece of substantive written work that addresses a disciplinary problem and documents the student's learning process and outcomes.

What are the Options?

1. Thesis / Creative Project / Group Project
The thesis/creative project offers students the opportunity to complete sustained original research or creative activity in their major field. Students in any major may select the thesis option; however, the group project is limited to engineering majors and the creative project is limited to fine arts majors.
2. Internship
Students work with a faculty mentor to produce a detailed, substantive written project that focuses on a disciplinary problem and documents how the internship helped them in addressing and/or understanding the problem.
3. Community Service Learning
Students work with a faculty mentor to produce a detailed, substantive written project that focuses on a disciplinary problem and documents how the community service learning project helped them in addressing and/or understanding the problem.
4. Study Abroad
Students work with their major advisor to identify appropriate courses that can be applied to their degree and normally spend one or two semesters abroad (fall and/or spring only for senior projects). These students also work with a UTA faculty mentor to produce a detailed, substantive written project that focuses on a disciplinary problem and documents how the study abroad experience helped them in addressing and/or understanding the problem.

What is the best option?

Check which options are available in your major discipline and then think about which option(s) will serve your needs the best.

- *“I want to study something further”* (Thesis option)
- *“I need to learn real-world applications”* (Internship or Service Learning option)
- *“This organization fascinates me and I want to learn more”* (Service Learning or Internship option)
- *“I want to produce a play”* (Creative Project option)
- *“I want to participate in my mentor's ongoing research”* (Thesis option)