

Academic departments have up to four options for the Senior Project. Be sure you know what the options are in your major by checking the Honors College Senior Project Guide, website, or by speaking with an Honors advisor.

## PHASE ONE – DISCOVERING YOUR INTERESTS (FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE):

- \_\_\_\_\_ Attend Senior Project information sessions
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Familiarize yourself with the Senior Project options in your major
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Think about possible topics based on your interests
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Contract courses for Honors credit to develop those interests
  - \_\_\_\_\_ *Read your MavMail regularly*
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## PHASE TWO – DEVELOPING AND WRITING THE PROPOSAL (SOPHOMORE/JUNIOR):

- \_\_\_\_\_ Focus on your topic of interest by doing background research (the topic must be relevant to your major)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Get to know professors' interests by talking to them and visiting their profile pages
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Select a Faculty Mentor in your major department  
Your mentor must be a tenured or tenure-track faculty member (assistant, associate or full professor) or a full-time lecturer. Adjunct professors, part-time instructors, and teaching assistants are not eligible to serve as Honors mentors. ***Finding an appropriate mentor is the student's responsibility.*** If you are unsure of a prospective mentor's status, ask him/her or an Honors advisor.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Consider applying for the Honors College Undergraduate Research Fellowship (URF) program, or for other research and leadership opportunities such as the McNair Program, L-SAMP, and the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP).
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Ensure that you have completed (or will have completed) a minimum of 18 hours of Honors credits ***before*** you begin working on your Senior Project.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Following the instructions in this Guide, write and submit your Senior Project Proposal
  - \_\_\_\_\_ *Read your MavMail regularly*
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## PHASE THREE – COMPLETING THE SENIOR PROJECT (JUNIOR/SENIOR):

- \_\_\_\_\_ *Read your MavMail regularly* (*always important*, but it is ***imperative now***)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Enroll in the appropriate independent study course specified by your major department (optional)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Complete the research, data collection/analysis, and writing of your Senior Project
- \_\_\_\_\_ Submit an abstract for your Honors Research Symposium (HRS) presentation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Attend a ***mandatory*** Senior Project Template Formatting Workshop
- \_\_\_\_\_ Have your faculty mentor review and edit your work, and sign the Senior Project Approval form
- \_\_\_\_\_ Present your Senior Project at the Honors Research Symposium (HRS) in the fall or spring semester
- \_\_\_\_\_ Graduate with your Honors degree!!!