Florida State University
University Honors Program

Honors Directed Individual Study
Standards and Application

Honors DIS Standards

The Honors DIS is intended to be a project that meets the following five standards:

• The work must demonstrate intellectual initiative;
• The work must demonstrate engagement with the scholarship in the subject of the DIS, whether the work of the DIS is research or creative activity;
• The DIS must be graded (A-F);
• The DIS must be directed by a permanent member of the teaching faculty. An assistant, associate or full professor would qualify.
• The DIS must involve at least thirty (30) hours of work for each credit hour awarded.

Application Procedures

1. A student begins by agreeing on the content of the DIS with a permanent member of the teaching faculty. An assistant, associate or full professor would qualify.

2. The student and professor request Honors credit for the DIS from the Director of the University Honors Program. This request is made using the Honors DIS application.

3. The application must be submitted to the University Honors Office no later than the first day of classes of the semester for which the DIS will be registered.

4. The Director of the University Honors Office will decide whether to accept or deny the application for honors credit based on the content of the application.

5. The student will be notified via email of the Director’s approval or rejection of the application.

6. The student needs to register for a graded DIS in the appropriate department no later than the fourth day of classes of the semester in which the DIS will begin. Students should bring their confirmation email from Honors with them when registering for their DIS hours. The DIS must be created using the department’s course number for a DIS, not Honors thesis credit.
**Honors DIS Application**

Student Name: __________________________________________________________

Student ID Number: ________________________________

Student FSU Email: __________________________

Faculty Director: __________________________________ Title: __________________

Faculty Director Email: ___________________________________________

DIS Title: __________________________________________

DIS course number (with section number) _______________________________________

Term/Year: __________ Credit Hours ________

Student signature_________________________________________ Date: ___________

Faculty Director Signature: _________________________________Date: ___________

Please attach a description of the DIS (max. 2 pages). The description should include a clear discussion of how the student will demonstrate intellectual initiative in this DIS and how the student will demonstrate engagement with the scholarship in the area of the DIS. In addition, the final product of the DIS – a paper, seminar, creative work, or a combination of these – should be specified.

**Honors Office only:**

Date Received: ______________________________________

Honors Director Approval:

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