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A one-page guide for advisors/SHP mentors

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The Signature Honors Project (SHP) has the potential to be one of the most satisfying experiences of the student's undergraduate career. In partnership with a faculty mentor, the SHP presents an opportunity for concentrated scholarly study in an area of the student's choice. The SHP will represent an original contribution to a discipline by completing a thesis or creative endeavor.

The skills the student refines while designing and then completing the SHP will often separate them from other outstanding candidates for graduate school or future employment opportunities.

What are the SHP Requirements and Options?

The main qualification of the SHP is that it represents original scholarly or creative work. The student's SHP faculty mentor will work with the student to find an appropriate topic. They will evaluate the final project and give a letter grade as the instructor of record for the SHP. Completion of a SHP is required for graduation from the Honors College at ECU. Students must earn a final grade of "B minus" or higher to receive Honors College credit for the SHP.

Students will need 6 credit hours of classes associated with the SHP, at least one presentation, and a final writeup that is uploaded into ScholarShip/Vireo in the library.

What classes does the student use for the SHP?

The Honors College prefers the student take an independent study course in your major. HNRS 4500 and HNRS 4550 are reserved for those students whose major doesn't offer independent study or the major class isn't a good fit for the project.

Before starting the SHP, Honors students will take HNRS 4000, a one-credit-hour course on the SHP. Students will take this course the semester before they start the SHP. They will complete the SHP contract in the class.

When does the student complete my Signature Honors Project?

Anytime at ECU but it should be started no later than the first semester of senior year.

How does my advisee/student find a mentor and topic?

First step is taking HNRS 4000!

Where do I send my advisee/student to find more information?

<https://honors.ecu.edu/academics/signature-honors-project/>

Where do I send my advisee/student when they need more information?

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