

# Proposal for the Honors Thesis Project

**(Required for Honors 3101, before beginning Honors 4V87)**

**Note to the student:** With the help of your thesis director/mentor, please carefully fill in all the information requested below. Submission of this contract by the deadline listed on the HON 3101 syllabus is a graded requirement of the course. Thesis proposals must be approved by the Honors Program staff to be finalized. Please type this assignment and submit it to the Honors Program (by email to [thesis@baylor.edu](mailto:thesis@baylor.edu) or in person to the Honors Program advising offices in the basement of the dean's suite in Alexander). UNSC majors should also submit to [university\\_scholars@baylor.edu](mailto:university_scholars@baylor.edu).

**STUDENT NAME AND BU ID** \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENT BAYLOR EMAIL** \_\_\_\_\_

**SEMESTER/YEAR** during which you will first take HON 4V87 (Honors Thesis I) \_\_\_\_\_

**CONFIRMED THESIS DIRECTOR** \_\_\_\_\_

**THESIS DIRECTOR'S ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT** \_\_\_\_\_

**THESIS DIRECTOR'S BAYLOR EMAIL** \_\_\_\_\_

**1.) Prepare a proposal for your planned thesis.** This proposal should include (a) a preliminary title, (b) a thesis statement, (c) a "methods" section (1-2 paragraphs describing HOW you are going about answering your research question(s) and (d) 2-3 sentences about each planned chapter/section. Attach the typed proposal to this form.

**2.) Does your thesis require original data collection?** \_\_\_\_\_ **If so, what is the status of your research?**

**3.) Does your thesis require IRB approval?** \_\_\_\_\_ **If so, what is the status of your IRB proposal?**

**4.) Using your best judgment, plan how your work will proceed to finish in a timely manner. Provide target dates for completing your sections, adding and/or renaming the sections as needed (a lab thesis may include "Data Collection" as a separate section, etc.)**

	Target completion date:
Chapter 1:	
Chapter 2:	
Chapter 3:	

Chapter 4:	
Other (be specific)	
Intro/Conclusion	

**5.) Target Defense Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Note that the last day to defend a thesis is usually about a month prior to the last day of classes.)

**6.) Using your best judgment, plan how you and your thesis mentor will communicate regarding the thesis, including manner and frequency of thesis meetings.**

**7.) Thesis-related coursework:** Please list any recent or current courses you (the student) have taken, or will take, related to the area of your proposed research: \_\_\_\_\_

**8.) Mentor's experience:** Has the confirmed thesis director supervised a completed Honors thesis project in the past? \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** In all cases, but particularly when the answer to the above is 'no,' both students and directors should review the [thesis materials](#) on the Honors Program website, notably the [Thesis FAQ](#). Students must also provide their thesis director a copy of the thesis syllabus when it is available at the start of the semester.

***Thesis Director Agreement:***

If this proposal is approved, I will aid the Honors student by (1) helping establish focused goals and limitations of the project early in the thesis-writing process; (2) overseeing the student's research and/or experimentation, and (3) offering timely guidance throughout the writing process. I will also (4) serve as the chair of the thesis committee, before which the student will eventually defend his or her completed project.

**AGREED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Thesis Director's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**AGREED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Honors Program Representative Signature (to be affixed after submission of the proposal)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date