

Honors College

**Proposal Form for HON 485 or HON 497**

**STUDENT INFORMATION**

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|-----------------|-------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Name            |       | NAU ID Number |                         |
| Mailing Address |       | Email Address |                         |
| City            | State | Zip Code      | Telephone<br>(        ) |

**By signing this form, you signify that you have read, understood, and agree to adhere to all of the Guidelines relating to the completion of this course, as described in the Honors Guidelines for Independently Arranged Courses of Study (see reverse).**

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|-------------------|------|
| Student Signature | Date |
|-------------------|------|

**COURSE INFORMATION**

| Proposed # of Units | Course Number | Course Title           | Allowable # of Units |
|---------------------|---------------|------------------------|----------------------|
|                     | HON 485       | Undergraduate Research | 1 to 6 units         |
|                     | HON 497       | Independent Study      | 1 to 6 units         |

**Undergraduate Research: HON 485**

Working with a faculty mentor, original knowledge or new methods for application of existing knowledge will be discovered and documented. Final report required. May not exceed 6 units. Letter grade only.

**Independent Study: HON 497**

Individual approach to selected topics by guided reading and critical evaluation. Plan to be developed with the faculty instructor. Work should result in a final report. May be repeated for up to 6 units. Letter grade only.

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Proposed Title of Project |                          |  |
| Enrolling for Term        | Expected Completion Term | I intend to use these credits in fulfillment of my Honors Capstone requirements.<br><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |

**SUPERVISING INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION**

**By signing this form, you signify that you have read, understood, and agree to adhere to all of the Guidelines relating to the student's completion of this course, as described in the Honors Guidelines for Independently Arranged Courses of Study.**

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|-------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-----|------------|
| Instructor Name   |                | Instructor Signature  |     | Date       |
| Instructor EmplID | Email/ User ID | Phone Extension<br>3- | Box | Department |

**Honors Office Use Only**

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|---|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Rev'd in Office<br>Date/Initials: | Class Number<br>Assigned: | Class Section<br>Assigned: | Copy/Distributed: | Logged/Date:  | Paper Received: | Grade<br>Assigned/Date: |
| Honors Dean Signature             |                           |                            |                   | Approved?<br><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | Date            | Enrolled?               |

# Honors Guidelines for Independently Arranged Courses of Study Undergraduate Research (HON 485) or Independent Study (HON 497)

## **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

To pursue Honors Independently Arranged Credits:

- Expect the review and approval of this proposal to take a **minimum of two weeks**. We cannot guarantee that proposals received after the first day of class will be approved prior to NAU's published "Deadline to Add" date.
- It is recommended that the student first speak with an Honors staff member or Dean. This does not constitute College approval.
- The student is responsible for making arrangements with an **NAU faculty member** to serve as a supervising instructor who will assign a final grade in the class. The Honors Dean will approve final submitted grade, but not be responsible for reviewing content. Students should discuss the objective, scope and parameters of the study, the length and detail of the product, and the instructor's means of evaluation. This information should be used in the preparation of a proposal (see appropriate guidelines below), to be included with the completed Proposal form.
- The complete form (including all signatures) and proposal must be returned to the Honors Office for the Dean's approval. Incomplete applications or proposals will not be considered.
- If a proposal is denied, the student will be notified immediately and provided an opportunity to discuss possible changes to the proposal with the Honors Dean for possible re-submission.
- Students must secure the approval of the Honors Dean prior to beginning their independently arranged project.
- Any substantive changes to the project's scope or direction must be submitted to the Honors Dean for approval **PRIOR** to beginning any work.

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## **Final Grade:**

Prior to receiving a final grade, a copy of the complete report/product must be provided to the Honors College by the student. In the absence of this complete report/product, a grade of "I" will be reported.

**I. Summary of key objective(s) of effort:**

**II. Discussion of your academic motivation.** (How does this fit in with your academic goals and/or your previous coursework or experiences? In what ways will you benefit from participation in this effort?)

**III. Discussion of Related Theory:** How will you relate this work to existing theories or frameworks related to this topic? Will you draw on fundamental knowledge learned in past courses? Will you seek new theoretical understanding through references or other sources of information?

**IV. Outline of work plan:**

- a. Explain how you plan to do the work. Will you run experiments? Perform literature or lab based research? Interview? Please provide 1-2 paragraphs describing what you will do. You must account for 45 hours of effort for every academic unit(credit) you are proposing to earn.

- b. Please approximate the number of hours associated with each part of your project. For example: “I will spend ten hours gathering research and making research notes. I will spend five hours drafting an annotated bibliography. I will spend 10 hours a week for 8 weeks writing the research paper. I will spend 5 hours compiling the paper’s ideas into a poster presentation. “ When something is not known, please provide as much information as you know or can estimate; give minimums and maximums in terms of hours expended, pages written, or interviews conducted.
  
  - c. What is the role of your instructor? How often will you meet with them, and for how long? What expertise does your instructor bring to this project?
  
  
  - d. What references/sources of information will you draw on for this project? This may include books, people, or other sources of knowledge. Be as specific as possible. List potential sources specifically or generally if not known. For example: I plan to read at least 10 journal articles and 2 full length texts on the subject (or list specific citations if you know them)
- V. Description of the deliverables/products produced.** Please describe the scope of the work, the length, and the format. Keep in mind that for three credits of independent study, you should have 30-45 pages of work (10-15 per credit hour).

