

## **Honors Senior Thesis Pilot Project**



### **Introduction to Student**

The Honors Senior Thesis Project is designed to support you to explore and produce college level academic writing. This is a pilot project, new this year, so we will be flexible and work with you to develop a program that meets your needs as a learner and maintains high standards of rigor and excellence. An Honors Senior Thesis allows you to learn about the methods, tools, and knowledge of an academic discipline; explore a research question that is meaningful to you; and to produce a college-level paper.

### **A Senior Thesis Project includes:**

- a **proposal** about what you plan to research and what academic discipline(s) you will explore. This can develop over time but in order to register for the course, you must have a general idea about the field in which you will read and write.
- a **literature review** which demonstrates your breadth of understanding of the subject
- a **20-25 page paper** which includes a description of your research methodology with an **annotated bibliography**
- a **final presentation** of your findings and reflection on the process

**Supervising Teacher:** Talk with a teacher who is willing to support you in your project and ask for their assistance. Work with this teacher to find a period that works for both of you so you can register for the course. This teacher will offer you guidance and advice, but the project is an independent one. You are responsible for managing your time and completing the requirements.

**Academic Mentor:** You will need to find someone to work with who is an expert in the field you are exploring. This can be someone you already know or someone you approach for the first time, based on his or her credentials. The primary role of the academic mentor is to provide feedback on your work 2-3 times throughout the course of the semester. The school must approve your academic mentor. Your Supervising Teacher and Ms. FitzGerald can help you with this contact.

**HN Senior Thesis Proposal Form**

**Please work with your supervising teacher to develop a proposal. Type it and submit to Ms. FitzGerald (kfitzgerald@cpsd.us)**

**It is OK if the plan is the beginning stages for now. You will have time in the beginning of the semester to finalize the proposal but we must see evidence of some initial thinking.**

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervising Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

**What is subject will you research for your Senior Thesis?**

**Please share your current thinking about this subject/topic. Include your experience with it thus far, your questions and wonderings about it, and why it interests you.**

**Please describe the sources you are considering using.**

**If you have an Academic Mentor in mind, who is this person? If you will need to find one, what kind of expert might you be looking for?**

**Is there anything else you want us to know?**

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**Permissions Form**

Please submit signed form with your proposal to Ms. FitzGerald (ROOM 1607)

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ HR \_\_\_\_\_ LC \_\_\_\_\_

Student SID# \_\_\_\_\_

Student E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Guidance Counselor \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Supervising Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Class Period \_\_\_\_\_ Semester \_\_\_\_\_

Class Room Location \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Mentor if known \_\_\_\_\_

Mentor E mail and Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURES**

**APPROVAL:**

**Counselor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dean of Curriculum:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNING BELOW INDICATES THAT YOU APPROVE OF THE STUDENT'S *PROJECT PROPOSAL*.**

**Parent:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Supervising Teacher:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_