

SENIOR HONORS PROGRAM INFORMATION SESSION AND WORKSHOP

with Professor Cool and the Anthropology Club

Wednesday April 21, 5:30pm MT

<https://cuboulder.zoom.us/j/91874354305>

This is an information session for students interested in writing a senior honors thesis in anthropology. Please carefully read the information below to determine your eligibility and review the requirements. If you would like to pursue anthropology honors, here are the steps you will need to take.

STEP 1: ELIGIBILITY – all of the following must apply:

- anthropology major
- anticipated graduation in Spring 2022
- overall GPA of at least 3.3 and major GPA of 3.5 or higher

STEP 2: GET THE INFO

- Come to this Zoom info session and workshop
- Before the meeting, write a one or two paragraph draft description of your potential thesis topic.** Include a preliminary title and the name of at least one potential faculty advisor. You will need this at the info session/workshop.

STEP 3: FINDING AN ADVISOR – After determining that you are eligible to participate in anthropology honors and getting the information, the next step is finding an advisor.

- contact faculty member(s) you hope to work with before the end of the spring semester
- confirm that faculty member is available and willing to serve as your honors thesis advisor for next year
- obtain your advisor's approval of your preliminary topic (based on your 1-2 paragraph project description)

STEP 4: ENROLLING IN ANTH 4710 and 4720

The next step is enrolling in the honors class. You will need my permission to enroll in ANTH 4710 (Fall) and 4720 (Spring). To get permission:

- Complete steps 1-3
- Send the 1-2 paragraph description approved by your advisor, your student ID number, and the name of your faculty advisor by email to me at alison.cool@colorado.edu I will check it over and confirm that you are approved to enroll.
- Contact your academic advisor and let them know you have my permission to enroll in the course. Keep in mind that registration is not open for the entire summer, so you may not be able to officially enroll if wait to complete these steps in the summer. However, if you have my permission, you can enroll when registration opens again towards the end of the summer, but the class will not show up on your schedule before then.

STEP 5: RESEARCH, WRITE, and DEFEND YOUR THESIS

- If applicable, undergo IRB review and secure approval for human subjects research (consult with advisor to determine if your project falls under this category) before beginning any research.
- Under the supervision of your advisor, conduct original research on a topic of your choice. If you are able to do research during the summer, it is highly recommended that you do as much as you can before the Fall semester starts.
- At the beginning of the fall semester, you will form a three-member faculty committee (advisor, honors council rep, outside department faculty member)
- Submit prospectus and other materials to the Honors Council in Fall 2021 for Spring 2022 graduation. Carefully review the Honors website and put all of their deadlines in your calendar.
- Produce written thesis (no length requirement, but usually 50-75 pages). ANTH 4710 and 4720 are designed to support students as they write the thesis.
- Oral defense of written thesis with faculty committee
- Submit defense copy and final copy of thesis to Honors Council and CU Scholar.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

TIPS ON FINDING AN ADVISOR:

These are the faculty members eligible to serve as honors thesis advisors. Many faculty members prefer to work with students who have taken one or more of their classes in the past. Please contact the faculty member you hope to work with to arrange a meeting and see if they are willing to serve as your honors thesis advisor. Make sure that you are respectful and professional in all of your communications with faculty, using standard email etiquette such as using the professor's title (i.e., Dr. X or Prof. Y), and familiarizing yourself with their research area so that you are able to explain why they might be a relevant advisor for your particular project. Keep in mind that faculty members are busy and may not have time to serve as an advisor, so if the first person you talk to cannot be your advisor, you will have to find someone else. If you are unable to find an anthropology faculty member who can advise you, you will not be able to write an honors thesis in anthropology. You will find the contact information for the professors on the anthropology department website.

Cultural

Anthropology:

Dr. Goldfarb
Dr. Goldstein
Dr. Jacka
Dr. Jones
Dr. McCabe
Dr. McGranahan
Dr. Roland
Dr. Shannon

Biological

Anthropology:

Dr. Bernstein
Dr. Covert
Dr. Leigh
Dr. Sauther
Dr. Sponheimer
Dr. Villanea

Archaeology:

Dr. Bamforth
Dr. Fladd
Dr. Gutiérrez
Dr. Joyce
Dr. Kurnick
Dr. Ortman
Dr. Taylor

UNIVERSITY HONORS REQUIREMENTS:

- Almost all of the important logistical information about university policies for pursuing Latin Honors can be found on their website: <https://www.colorado.edu/honors/honorscouncil>
- Go to the "getting started" handout on the website and carefully review ALL of the information there: https://www.colorado.edu/honors/sites/default/files/attached-files/honors_thesis_getting_started_handout.pdf

UNABLE TO ATTEND INFO SESSION: If have a conflict and cannot attend the Zoom info session, please contact me at alison.cool@colorado.edu and attach your 1-2 paragraph description of your potential topic, a preliminary title, and a potential faculty advisor to the email and we can set up an appointment. If at all possible, I strongly prefer that you come to the Zoom info session.