

Info Sheet and Application: Interdisciplinary General Honors Thesis

To be eligible to pursue General Honors, you must fulfill all the following criteria:

1. Be an undergraduate student in the College of Arts and Sciences.
2. Have a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or above.
3. Have completed (or be able to complete) at least two classes in each discipline you wish to use for your thesis with a grade of B or above (for example, two classes in EBIO and two in SOCY), for a total of four classes. Some tips:
 - Classes may be in progress during the semester you defend.
 - If your topic spans more than two disciplines, please contact us for guidance.
 - The department code may be less important than the content of the class. For example, if the topic involves art sculptures, a related course might be ARTS 2384: Ephemeral Sculpture or CLAS 4099: Ancient Greek Sculpture. You may be asked to provide syllabi for the listed courses.
4. Have completed (or be able to complete) ONE of the following with a grade of B or above:
 - The Honors Diversity Seminar (HONR 1810).
 - The [Honors Writing Workshop](#) (HONR 3220 – topic Honors thesis/research writing). This class is designed to support students who are writing theses.
 - Any 3000 to 4000-level Honors course ending in section 880 or 881.
5. Have an interdisciplinary thesis idea and arrange for an Honors Program faculty member to serve as your Honors Council Representative. [A current list of General Honors representatives can be found at the bottom of this linked page.](#)
6. Secure two committee members in addition to the Honors Council Representative. Generally, these committee members are in each of the two disciplines, but this is not required. You must arrange for a Thesis Advisor and Honors Council Representative to serve prior to submitting the General Honors application. The additional committee member can be added once the application has been approved. The additional committee member(s) may also be a member of the Honors Program faculty. [To learn more about building your thesis committee, please click here.](#)

Projects are subject to approval and may require a follow-up discussion to review the interdisciplinary aspect of the proposed topic and/or the applicability of the listed classes in each discipline. There is a two-step process:

1. You must submit your application to the General Honors committee for approval prior to registering your thesis. Once the application is submitted, the committee will review the request and make a decision in consultation with the Honors Program Director.
2. If the application is approved, you must then register your thesis project with the Honors Program. [For more information on the registration process, please click here.](#)

Please save your completed application as a PDF using the naming format “lastname firstname GH app” and submit it via an email attachment to honors@colorado.edu for consideration. We may request syllabi for listed classes as part of the reviewing process. You are welcome to attach them as part of your initial submission, which will speed up the review. The General Honors Reviewing Committee will evaluate your application and you will be notified of their decision via email.

The review process can take some time, so please submit your application well before the deadline to register your thesis project. [For information on registration deadlines, please click here.](#)



Student Information

First and last name:		Student ID:	When you're planning to defend:
Cumulative GPA:	Disciplines you are writing a thesis in:		CU Boulder email address:

Courses to Apply Towards Eligibility Requirements:

List 5 course numbers and sections, along with titles. For example, "HONR 1810-880: Honors Diversity Seminar"

Course 1:	Semester taken/plan to take:	Grade (if completed):
Course 2:	Semester taken/plan to take:	Grade (if completed):
Course 3:	Semester taken/plan to take:	Grade (if completed):
Course 4:	Semester taken/plan to take:	Grade (if completed):
Honors Course:	Semester taken/plan to take:	Grade (if completed):

Thesis Committee: Thesis committees require at least three members of the CU Boulder faculty. To be eligible to serve on a thesis committee one must be a regular full-time faculty member or a multi-year contract instructor involved in an instructional program at the University of Colorado Boulder. In terms of rank, this means Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, Teaching Professor, Teaching Associate Professor (Senior Instructor), or Teaching Assistant Professor (Instructor). Additionally, faculty must hold a terminal degree in their field (usually a Ph.D.). Graduate students are not eligible to serve. *Committee member eligibility is subject to approval by the Honors Program.*

Faculty Name	Department	Teaching Rank
Thesis advisor:		
Honors Council Representative:	Honors Program	N/A
Third member:		
Additional member (optional):		

Please provide a detailed description of your proposed interdisciplinary thesis project.
Be sure to include information about the purpose, scope, timeline, and direction of your project, as well as an assertion about your central claim, argument, hypothesis, or question. Clearly address how your project is interdisciplinary, and how you intend to incorporate each discipline.

Please save your completed application as a PDF and submit it via email to honors@colorado.edu

Office use only:

Date submitted	Reviewed by	Decision	Notes
	Staff: Data verification		
	Committee: Topic approval		