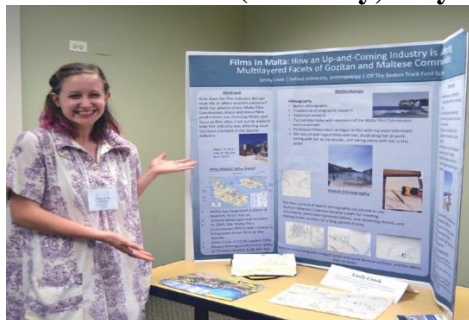


PRESENTING YOUR HONORS SENIOR THESIS PROJECT

**2017 Honors Student Conference (Friday, May 12th) and
Honors Senior Gala (Saturday, May 13th)**



As part of your Honors Senior Thesis, you are required to complete a **visual element** to complement your thesis project. This element will display your research or creative work, providing viewers with a visual representation to help them conceptualize the topic, background information, research process, and findings of the thesis project. You are free to utilize a combination of text and visuals (artistic and/or quantitative graphics) to inform viewers of the results of the research process.

You will use your visual element when you present your thesis at the Honors Student Conference. There will also be a viewing session when you will stand beside your visual element to answer visitor questions. If you attend the Honors Senior Gala, your visual piece will be displayed there as well. Display boards are available in the Honors Office (990 W. Fullerton, suite 1300) where you can also view examples of posters completed by Honors graduates. **Please note that students graduating in November or March are still expected to present their thesis projects at the Honors Conference in May.**

For this component of your Thesis, you will have two presentation alternatives:

Printed Poster

You may create a printed poster, which you will clip or glue onto a poster board. Poster-sized documents up to 56" wide and 36" high may be printed free of charge in the Richardson Library. You may also opt to create your own poster by cutting/pasting text and visual elements to your display board.

For poster-printing instructions, go to the DePaul University Library website and select Services→Technology→Print-Scan-Copy→How do I Print Posters? or visit <http://libguides.depaul.edu/poster-printing> for details.

Digital Presentation

You may choose to prepare a digital (video, PowerPoint, Prezi, etc.) presentation and display it on a laptop computer. All of the presentation rooms for the conference have computers with internet capability and projectors. Please be sure that your presentation is PC compatible.

You should plan to bring your laptop as well because, in addition to your presentation, you will also be displaying your visual element during a "viewing hour" to allow visitors to see your work and ask questions. Please note that we do not have storage facilities for personal belongings during the Honors Student Conference or the Senior Gala. The security of your laptop will be your responsibility. You should also be prepared with a backup plan in case you experience technology failure.

Please see the other side for poster guidelines.

Keep the following elements in mind as you construct your poster:

SIMPLICITY→ The most effective posters present your information in a self-explanatory, simple, and brief manner. Rather than attempting to include your entire body of work, focus on including a series of panels which present your most relevant information.

TITLE→ Make sure that you place the title of your work in a prominent position on your poster. You should include your name, your title, the name of your thesis director, and the name of your faculty reader.

HEADINGS→ In order to ensure that your poster is both concise and organized, it will be very helpful to use headings such as, “Introduction”, “The Research Question”, “Findings”, etc. These specific titles may vary, but their inclusion will enable your audience to comprehend your work more quickly and will also establish a flow within your poster.

SIZE→ The text and graphics on your poster should be large and bold. Because this portion of your presentation is intended to convey your work in a graphic manner, it is important that your audience can see it clearly. For headings, use at least a 48-point font and for body text, use nothing less than 18-point font.

COLOR AND CREATIVITY→ Your poster is a place to present your findings, but it is also a place to have fun, express yourself, and attract your audience to your work. Incorporate color, detail, and plenty of varied visuals. Make sure that you are also attentive to the layout and placement of your materials. Because your poster should be both concise and creative, every detail counts!

CARE→ Your poster represents you and the Honors Program so remember to use care when constructing it. After you have planned and organized your work, make sure that it communicates your valuable research in an interesting and accurate manner. Feel free to ask your thesis director or faculty reader to proof your work. Because this poster is intended to reach a wide audience, it may also be helpful to ask friends and family for their input, as well.

*Please contact the Honors Office if you have any questions or ideas
you would like to discuss about your visual presentation.
We look forward to seeing your work at the
Honors Student Conference and Honors Senior Gala!*