

## HONORS SENIOR THESIS PROPOSAL

### **The Honors Thesis Proposal consists of the following materials:**

- A Thesis Abstract – a 100 word summary of the proposed project. This abstract will appear in the Honors Conference Program.
- 3 Keywords – three words that describe the major themes to be addressed in your thesis project. For example, a thesis on Russian prison tattoos might use keywords like “body art,” “prison or incarceration” and “Russia.” These keywords will be used in the search tool for our archived thesis projects.
- A Proposal Statement – an essay, at least 3 pages, which proposes the thesis and includes:
  - A title for the thesis project;
  - A clear definition of the thesis topic;
  - An explanation of how you will explore this topic through research, or a combination of research and creative work, naming the chief authorities in this field;
  - Your goals for the project;
  - Your plans for reflecting the interdisciplinary nature of the Honors Program in the thesis project;
  - Thoughtful evidence for the importance of the proposed thesis;
  - A clear description of what the finished thesis project will consist of.
- A two-part Annotated Bibliography
  - 1: List **at least three important sources** that you plan to draw on in your thesis, and provide a one-page description of each item, including identification of primary vs. secondary sources. This description should identify the main idea or argument in each item and explain how you plan to use this material in your thesis.
  - 2: List at least **three other sources** that you plan to consult during the quarter in which your research and writing is completed.
- Contracts and Checklists completed and signed by the student, thesis director, and faculty reader.

### **Deadlines for submitting Thesis Proposal:**

- **August 18** – for a thesis to be completed by the end of Autumn Quarter
- **October 27** – for a thesis to be completed by the end of Winter Quarter
- **February 23** – for a thesis to be completed by the end of Spring Quarter
  - **Extensions are possible!** Contact Nancy (ngrossma@depaul.edu) to request an extension if you need additional time to complete your Thesis Proposal. (Please note that no extension will be given beyond week 9 of the pre-thesis quarter.)

**Please note:** ***You will not be registering for HON 395.*** Once your Senior Thesis project has been approved, you will be instructed on how to apply on-line for an undergraduate Independent Study course which will be HON 395: Honors Senior Thesis. You will be asked to supply the course title, which should be a 25-character version of your thesis title. Enrolling in this course makes it possible for you to receive course credit for your project, and for your thesis director to assign your grade.