

HONORS THESIS GUIDELINES

The Honors Thesis is the written report prepared in partial fulfillment for graduation with Honors Research Distinction. The Honors Thesis reflects completion of the Honors Research Project and is submitted to the University Libraries Knowledge Bank (<http://library.osu.edu/sites/kbinfo/honors.html>). Submission of the Honors Thesis to Knowledge Bank occurs only after the Honors Research Project advisor and the Animal Sciences Departmental Honors Coordinator have given final approval and consent. Knowledge Bank is a public, accessible on-line repository for scholarly work completed at The Ohio State University. Students should visit with their Honors Research Project advisor to determine if an embargo (delay of dissemination) of the Honors is required prior to submission to Knowledge Bank.

Students should use the following format requirements as guidance in preparing the final Honors Thesis:

FORMAT REQUIREMENTS

1. Organization of the paper is as follows: Title page, abstract (optional), body of the text, references, appendix (optional). Each division must be clearly titled. Primary titles should use upper case with the left justified and bold. Subtitles should be left justified and bold.

Title page The title page is to include: 1) full title of the Honors Research Project; 2) the statement *Honors Research Thesis*; 3) the statement *Presented in Partial Fulfillment of the Requirements for Graduation with Honors Research Distinction*; 4) students name; 5) the statement *Department of Animal Sciences The Ohio State University*; 6) year; 7) advisors name; credentials, and affiliated department and/or organization; (example follows).

Abstract The abstract is an informative presentation of significant findings not to exceed 300 words. The abstract should be able to stand alone and represent the body of the work. Abstracts submitted for participation in college, university, or regional research forums are acceptable.

Body Provides a review of the literature relevant to the topic being addressed, the materials and methods, results, and discussion. The body of the text should include: 1) an introduction, which reviews the literature current to the topic being addressed, provides background justification for the study, and defines the objectives and hypothesis of the study; 2) materials and methods used to carry out the study and includes population under study, sample size, procedures and materials used in the study, and statistical analysis; 3) results and findings of the research, including relevant figures and/or tables; and 4) discussion of the findings and implications for future research.

References A complete reference section should be included at the end of the document. References should follow an acceptable format used in scientific journals.

Appendix Work completed during the Honors Research Project that is not germane to the primary study may be included as an appendix. Examples may include preliminary or pilot studies, method development, additional figures and/or tables.

2. Ideas are to be communicated in a clear, concise, and straightforward manner using the guidelines for scientific writing. Contact the Departmental Honors Coordinator for questions.
3. Expectations concerning the length of the paper should be discussed between the student and his or her Honors Research Project advisor. The length and content of the paper will vary depending on the scope of the selected topic.
4. The paper must be typed, double spaced, and with one inch margins on the top, right, left, and bottom. A 10 to 12 point, readable font should be selected and used consistently throughout the document.

Honors Research Thesis Title

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