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Honors Capstone Prospectus Modified Senior Project (Part 1)

The prospectus for modified senior projects involves two parts. **The first part** (page 1) is due by no later than the 20th day of class two semesters prior to a student's graduation. May graduates should submit part one by the 20th day of class in the Fall term. For December graduates, part one must be submitted by the 20th day of class in the Spring. **The second part** (pages 2 and 3) is due no later than the 20th day of class during the semester *in which the project, itself, has begun*. For example, some Engineers will submit both parts in Fall, others will submit part one in Fall and part two in Spring.

Both forms may be submitted in paper format to the UHP Office, 219 Clark Hall, Campus Box 8610, or scanned and emailed with signatures to university_honors@ncsu.edu

Student Information*

Name: _____ Major/Minor(s)**: _____
 ID Number: _____ Anticipated Graduation Term: _____
 Email: _____

**if Capstone is a team-based project, each team member must fill out an individual Capstone prospectus.*

***Students may only complete a Capstone in their major/minor field unless approved in advance by the UHP*

Capstone Information

Courses taken for Capstone project***

Semester and Year (e.g., Spring 2018)	Course Abbreviation and Number (e.g., HON 499)

**** A minimum of 3 of these hours must be graded.*

Student signature _____ Date _____

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Date Received: _____ Date Approved: _____ Notification Sent: _____

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Honors Capstone Prospectus Modified Senior Project (Part 2)

Student Information*

Name: _____ Major/Minor(s): _____

ID Number: _____ Anticipated Graduation Term: _____

**if Capstone is a team-based project, each team member must fill out an individual Capstone prospectus.*

Student signature

Final approval of your Honors Capstone prospectus is contingent upon meeting the following expectations. Students please initial next to each statement:

I have read and understood the Capstone overview for students provided on the UHP website. _____

I understand that any major change to this proposal (e.g. choosing a different topic or mentor) requires the submission of a new Capstone prospectus. _____

I understand that it is my responsibility to identify, schedule, and notify the UHP office in advance of the required public presentation of my Capstone. _____

I understand that it is my responsibility to submit a final copy of my Capstone to the UHP in electronic format no later than the last day of classes of the semester in which the project is completed. _____

I understand that this Capstone prospectus is being submitted *pro forma*, meaning that I may assume the project to be accepted unless notified otherwise. _____

I understand that I may not receive financial compensation for any research hours conducted as part of the Honors Capstone _____

I am willing to abide by these expectations, as well as follow the plan of research outlined in the attached Capstone prospectus:

Student signature _____ Date _____

Faculty Mentor Information*

Title: Dr. Ms. Mrs. Mr. Campus Box: _____

Name: _____ Email: _____

Department: _____ Phone: _____

** If a non-NCSU faculty member is serving as co-mentor, please include that person's name, contact information, and resume as an attachment*

Mentor signature

By signing this form, the faculty mentor acknowledges s/he has read and understood the Capstone overview for mentors provided on the UHP website.

Mentor signature _____ Date _____

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In addition to the signature page, the student should attach a Capstone prospectus. The Honors Capstone Prospectus is an opportunity for the student to outline his or her concept for the Capstone project, detail a plan of research, and develop shared expectations with the Capstone mentor. The prospectus must be submitted to the UHP no later than the twentieth day of class during the semester in which the Capstone has begun.

Your prospectus is conceptual plan and overview of your proposed Capstone. It should provide the general scope of your project, your basic research questions, research methodology, and the overall significance of your study. In brief, your proposal explains what you want to study, how you will study this topic, why this topic needs to be studied.

For modified senior projects, the prospectus should be divided into two sections.

The first section (250 word minimum) is a summary of the senior project or course as assigned by the student's home department.

The second section (1000 word minimum) is the student's Capstone prospectus. This section should:

- describe the individual student's unique contribution to the project;
- focus on what you plan to do, why this project is important or has significance, and how it is relevant to your field;
- explain how the UHP student's work is qualitatively more significant or robust than other non-UHP students in the major (for 3-credit-hour projects, it must clearly show that the effort required of the student's individual contribution is equivalent in scope to an additional 3-credit-hour research experience).

Since Capstone projects vary widely according to disciplinary context, there is no standard template for the prospectus that would accurately cover every Capstone project. Instead, students and faculty mentors should draw from the following framework (below), while being at liberty to tailor prospectus to the needs and contours of their own project. In general, an Honors Capstone Prospectus will include some combination of the following components:

- Tentative capstone title
- Problem and/or significance statement
- Literature review or summary
- Major research questions and/or hypothesis
- Theoretical framework
- Research design and method
- Research timeline
- References and/or appendices
- Tentative final product (required for all students)