

## **Honors Project Guidelines**

An Honors Project is required of each student graduating in the Honors Program. Projects are usually completed the semester of graduation. Project proposals are usually planned and submitted for approval before the end of the junior year. However, the proposals are to be submitted no later than mid-term of the semester before graduation.

There are two possible ways for College of Design students to accomplish the Honors Project. One will be to register for a designated honors section of a design studio. The other will be for the student to do the project as an independent study.

The Honors sections of design studio courses will include a body of research that is over and above the criteria for the normal studio experience. All conditions of such a studio must be approved by the respective instructor.

As an independent study, the Honors Project will be the equivalent of three to six hours of academic credit. The project will be designed by the student. The project may be cross-disciplinary or interdisciplinary in nature. The project is usually completed as an independent research project under the guidance of lecturer, tenured or tenure-track faculty adviser.

It is expected that the Honors Project will be a substantial piece of quality work, which might culminate in a finished body of research or creative work. Most important, the Honors Project is expected to be of high academic, design or artistic quality demonstrating individual creativity.

The members of the College of Design Honors Committee will review all Honors Project proposals for approval.

All Honors Projects will be presented at the Honors Poster Presentation held at the end of each semester.

**A copy of your completed project must be submitted as a PDF file to [mikesch@iastate.edu](mailto:mikesch@iastate.edu).**