



## **Department of Communication**

### **Honors in Communication: Honors Thesis Guidelines**

One of the requirements for the Communication Department Honors Program is the completion of a senior honors thesis. This is accomplished by taking the COM 4996 Senior Honors Thesis, 3 credit course. As noted in the COM 4996 information, the honors thesis normally involves a closely supervised research project that results in a paper of approximately 20 pages, although a creative project may also be developed into an honors thesis project.

Prior to signing up for COM 4996, the student is asked to identify a full-time faculty member in his or her area of study and discuss ideas for a research or creative project. When the student and faculty member have agreed on the nature of the project, the student should complete the Department of Communication Thesis Proposal form, which must be approved by the thesis advisor and the departmental chairperson. The proposal should include a brief summary outlining the nature of the research question or the creative project.

The written Honors Thesis requires a minimum of 20 pages, though the exact format, length and scope are at the discretion of the student and faculty mentor. Honors students should be instructed on how to seek approval from the Human Investigative Committee ([hic.wayne.edu](http://hic.wayne.edu)), if necessary.

The requirements for a creative project are also at the discretion of the student and the faculty member.

#### **Bulletin Information:**

COM 4996 Senior Honors Thesis. Cr. 3

Prereq: admission to department honors program; a proposal accepted and given written consent by the thesis advisor and departmental chairperson. The honors thesis involves a closely supervised research project that results in a paper of approximately 20 pages. (Y)

# Communication Department Honors Thesis Proposal Form

COM 4996

Semester: \_\_\_\_\_

Only full-time faculty members in the Department of Communication are eligible to direct. 20 page minimum for a written Thesis.

Brief, Detailed Summary of Thesis Project (Include references, sources, etc. Please include additional pages as needed.

**Signatures Required for Approval**

**Date**

Student \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty member \_\_\_\_\_

Department Chair \_\_\_\_\_

This completed form should be turned in to Victoria Dallas in the Main Office.