

Attebury Honors Program

Senior Capstone/Thesis Project FAQs

What's the first step?

Think about what you would like to do for your capstone/thesis and review your course rotations to see when the 3 credit hour capstone will work into your course schedule.

Make an appointment to visit with Dr. Lockwood by calling the office at 806-651-2734 about six months before you plan to begin the project.

Come to the appointment with ideas for your project.

Where do I get ideas?

Look through previous projects in the capstone and these bound volumes in the Honor Suite to learn about what other students have done in the past.

Visit with faculty members that you feel a connection with in your major and who might be willing to work with you on your project or potentially bring you into work with their ongoing research.

Consider topics that you are interested in learning more about or maybe furthering a prior paper that you completed earlier in your undergraduate work.

Don't forget:

Decide on a project.

Discuss your idea with a faculty member and ask if they would be willing to serve as your project advisor.

Complete the capstone/thesis contract at www.wtamu.edu/honors under requirements. Submit the contract and a detailed project description to the Honors Office. This is your responsibility - NOT your advisors.

Remember that projects may take 6 months or more to plan IN ADVANCE of the actual semester in which the project is completed. Plan early!

Timeline:

Last semester of junior year, plan to meet with Honors for capstone advisement. May graduates should submit contract no later than November of previous year. December graduates should submit contract no later than April of that year.

4-6 weeks before end of semester preceding the semester you plan to register for the capstone/thesis course: submit required contract and project description to Honors office for approval.

The Honors Director will register you into the appropriate capstone course after all documents have been approved, signed, and submitted to the Honors Office.

THINK AHEAD: What to do if your project requires funding...

Some projects will require funding for a wide variety of expenses. The Killgore Research office provides grant opportunities for students up to \$2500 in the spring and fall of each year. There is a two week window to submit your application for funding. Additionally, there is sometimes funding available through your department if the research is related to a faculty member's ongoing research or other campus project. The Honors Office will also provide some assistance when other avenues have been exhausted. Please plan ahead. You will not be able to secure funding on short notice.

Capstone/Thesis Project Examples

Biology

- The Vermont Oxford Network and Care of Premature Infants
- Healthcare: Who Really Has the Best System?
- Evaluation of the Mobile-Eyes Device
- Bats of Palo Duro Canyon
- Evaluation of a Novel Vibration Perception Threshold Instrument
- Nebulizers: An Evaluation

Business

- Report and Ratio Analysis for Medicis Pharmaceutical Corporation (MRX)

Dance

- Pieces of the Mind: Dance Recital

English

- “Paying a Visit to the Animal”: Escapism through Human Sacrifice in *Death in the Andes*
- The Death of Van Bandy: A Play

Engineering

- Ultraviolet Germicidal Irradiation of Commonly used surfaces
- Design and Development of a Peripheral Nerve Stimulator to Aid in Testing for Diabetes

History

- Jesuit Missiological Miscalculation: The Appeal to the Confucian Elite at the Expense of Ministry to the Lower Classes of Chinese Society
- Theological Anachronism and the *Donation of Constantine*
- FROM BEHIND ENEMY LINES: HARRISON SALISBURY, THE VIETNAMESE ENEMY, AND WARTIME REPORTING DURING THE VIETNAM WAR

Mathematics

- Mathematical Model for Muscular Movement

Mechanical Engineering

- Design and Fabrication of a Mold for the Manufacture of High Explosive Pellets

Music

- Senior Recital - Voice Performances
- Senior Recital - Trumpet

Nursing

- Martha's Home: A Change Project examining sexually transmitted diseases

Political Science

- Internship on the Hill
- Editor and Writer: PB & J

Spanish

- La expresión del subjuntivo en polaco, alemán, y español

Speech

- Shedding the Scrubs: A Rhetorical Analysis of *Grey's Anatomy*
- A case study of communication week