

## SENIOR YEAR AWAY?

Students who plan to study abroad or participate in off-campus internships or other experiences during their senior year should consider completing their Honors thesis or project in their junior year.

Such students should meet with a Commonwealth Honors College advisor as early as possible to discuss their plans and make appropriate arrangements.

## GRADUATION WITH DISTINCTION

To be eligible to graduate "with distinction," CHC students must submit their thesis or project manuscripts and any artifacts to the Commonwealth Honors College office for forwarding to the University Archives.

## DOCUMENTATION

Upon completion of all research, students must document their results in a thesis or project manuscript.

Manuscripts must be typed and artifacts labeled according to the guidelines outlined on our website:

<http://www.honors.umass.edu/capstone/formatting>

General content guidelines are noted on the back panel of this brochure; requirements for content and format may vary per discipline (e.g., scientific research vs. creative endeavors).

### Further Assistance

- Honors Research Tools: [www.honors.umass.edu/research](http://www.honors.umass.edu/research)
- Commonwealth Honors College Advisors: [advisor@honors.umass.edu](mailto:advisor@honors.umass.edu) or (413) 545-2483
- Honors Program Directors: [www.honors.umass.edu/hpd](http://www.honors.umass.edu/hpd)
- On-line CHC Student Handbook: [www.honors.umass.edu/student-handbook](http://www.honors.umass.edu/student-handbook)

### Thesis Manuscripts

1. Title Page
2. Abstract (2 copies)
3. Introduction
4. Review of the literature of previous researchers
5. Methodology or critical approach
6. Presentation and discussion of research results
7. Conclusions and implications for future study
8. Bibliography
9. Appendix (optional)

### Project Manuscripts

1. Title Page
2. Abstract (2 copies)
3. At least two of the following:
  - Contextual Information, e.g., a literature review or a discussion of theoretical or artistic influences
  - Process Information, e.g., what did you wish to achieve? How did you set out to achieve the goals?
  - Reflections, e.g., what did you learn or contribute? What changes would you make in hindsight? Implications or suggestions for the future?
4. Appendix (optional)

A project manuscript must accompany all project artifacts (including written artifacts not in thesis form). The manuscript's length and scope are determined by the thesis or project instructor or committee, but it must be minimally in the 5-10 page range.

Artifact examples include collections of poetry, slides/videotapes/CDs of creative work, case studies, engineering plans, etc.

## Honors Thesis or Project

# Getting Started

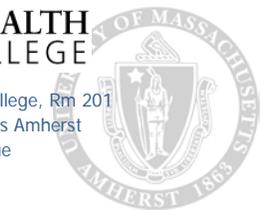
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