The Department of Hispanic Studies offers to superior undergraduate majors the possibility of doing an Honors Thesis under the tutorial direction of the faculty member(s) most expert in the Honors candidate’s field of special interest.

The Hispanic Studies Honors Program is designed to attract talented undergraduates and to address the academic interests of qualified, highly motivated students by providing more individualized instruction.

It can be tailored to suit the needs of students who expect to do graduate work in Hispanic Studies, or to meet those of students who do not plan to continue their education beyond the Bachelor of Arts degree.

The distinction will be noted on the transcript to indicate that the student has chosen a more challenging and inquiry-focused path toward the Spanish major.

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Eligibility

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To be eligible for this 3-credit hour course students must have completed between 15 and 18 hours in the major at the 300+ level. They must have a GPA of at least 3.5 in courses taken for the major and 3.3 overall.

Application Process

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The application includes:

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Course Description and Goals.

This independent research course leads to an undergraduate thesis in Hispanic Studies (research thesis, technology-based project, translation project) on topics dealing with Spanish and/or Latin American studies, literature, culture, civilization, visual studies, Hispanic linguistics, or the teaching of Spanish.

This is not a required course. It can be counted toward total credits in the major in Spanish, much like any other 300+ or 400+ credit course.

Goals:

The goal of this course is to give the outstanding students in the major the opportunity to further their education by seeking, discovering, and creating new knowledge in their field through an independent research project.

Thesis:

The Honor Thesis must be written in Spanish and have an extension of 35-45 pages including bibliography.

Steps for the Honors Thesis:

1) Outline and preliminary bibliography (including materials in the target language) to be approved by the Director (and Co-Director, if applicable).

2) Completed draft.

3) Approval of the final version by the Director (and Co-Director, if warranted).

4) Presentation of the Honors Thesis in a student/faculty forum.

Reporting the Results

Upon completion of the thesis, the faculty director and the student sign a Final Report cover sheet.