

SENIOR HONORS THESIS CONTRACT

To the student: The process of writing a thesis is the culmination of the Honors curriculum and should be one of the most rewarding, yet challenging experiences of your education at Sam Houston State University. In close consultation with a faculty member, you will undertake a major research project or creative endeavor appropriate to your undergraduate major.

Name (please print) _____ SSN _____

Email address _____ Phone _____ Major _____

Proposed Thesis Title _____

Thesis Chair _____ Department _____

Expected Graduation Date _____
Semester/year

On attached sheets, please prepare a thesis proposal, no longer than 2-3 pages, and provide the following information. Please provide a copy to your thesis chair and the original to the Honors Program with signatures below.

- *Topic:* What do you wish to study?
- *Method:* How will you conduct your research (i.e., experiment, survey, case study, creative endeavor)?
- *Expected Outcome:* What result(s) do you expect from this project? How will this project serve as a capstone for your undergraduate career?
- *Communication:* What are the expectations about meeting with your thesis chair? How often will you meet?
- *Timeline:* What is your expectation for a research timeline (e.g., your first outline, your first draft, the final draft)? **Students must complete the project and submit a signed thesis approval form no later than ten days prior to commencement.**

For Thesis Contract approval, please obtain the following signatures:

Student: _____ Date: _____

Thesis Chair: _____ Date: _____

Department Chair: _____ Date: _____

Honors Program Director: _____ Date: _____

This form and the required thesis proposal must be submitted prior to the start of the semester in which the student begins a thesis project. If you cannot meet the deadline, please contact the Honors Program Office at (936) 294-1477. A student must meet all requirements for graduation "With Honors" and complete a six-hour honors thesis project to graduate "With Highest Honors." After completing the thesis, you will need to obtain final approval by the Honors Program Director before receiving the "With Highest Honors" transcript designation and notation in the commencement program.

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