History of Art: Honors Thesis Application Form

Applications are due to the Director of Undergraduate Studies by April 15 (for those wishing to pursue a thesis the following Fall) or November 15 (for those wishing to pursue a thesis the following Spring).

Name of student: _______________________________________________________________________

Graduating month and year: ______________________________________________________

Hopkins ID: _____________________________________________________________

The honors thesis is a 20–25-page double-spaced paper. It is typically built on the foundation of a final paper undertaken in a 400-level seminar in a semester prior to the thesis semester, though students may also seek approval for alternative ways of developing the project. Besides the paper itself, the thesis will include a formal presentation: for Spring theses this will take place at DREAMS, HOUR’s annual celebration of undergraduate research, while Fall theses will be presented at another designated time.

Students writing theses enroll in the three-credit course AS.010.521 (Fall) or AS.010.522 (Spring). These credits are in addition to the courses required by the major. If the student wants to be listed as receiving honors in the commencement program, a full draft of the thesis is due by the end of October (Fall) or the end of March (Spring). The final version of the thesis is due to the faculty mentor on the last day of classes for the semester during which the student has registered for the honors thesis course.

Please provide details of the seminar you plan to use as the basis of your thesis, or indicate that alternative arrangements have been made, and please also give the name of your proposed thesis mentor:

Course title: __________________________________________________________________________________

Semester taught: _____________________________________________________________________________

Course instructor: ______________________________________________________________________

Grade earned: __________________________

Proposed faculty thesis mentor: __________________________________________________

Note: Your proposed mentor may be someone other than the instructor who taught the 400-level seminar. The department may assign mentorship to a different faculty member than proposed.

Please also attach to this form a document detailing the following:

• Proposed title of the thesis.
• An abstract of approximately 250 words.
• A plan for the completion of the thesis, including a brief description of any research that needs to be pursued and a timeline for writing that takes into consideration the departmental deadlines for the submission of the thesis (see above for dates).
• A one- to two-page bibliography providing an overview of the scholarship to be consulted.

Signature of Student / date ___________________________________________________________________________

Signature of Faculty supervisor / date________________________________________________________________

Approval of the Director of Undergraduate Studies / date:________________________________________________