Honors Capstone Proposal Form

Introduction

The Honors Capstone is a vital academic experience for students in the Shackouls Honors College. It signifies the conclusion of your undergraduate journey, during which you will apply what you've learned, delve into your passions, and prepare for your next steps—whether that's further education, a career, or community engagement. This form helps guide you through planning your capstone project.

Capstone Formats

You can choose from several capstone options based on your interests and goals. Each offers a chance to explore a topic deeply, apply skills, and reflect on your experience.

1. **Research Project**
   o **Who it's for**: Students who want to do original research and contribute new knowledge.
   o **Deliverables**: Written thesis and a defense, symposium presentation, or submission for publication
   o **Examples**: Studying renewable energy in emerging economies or analyzing gender in literature.

2. **Professional Internship**
   o **Who it's for**: Students seeking real-world experience in their field.
   o **Deliverables**: Internship report, reflective journal, and a final presentation.
   o **Examples**: Working on marketing strategies for a startup or assisting in public health programs.

3. **Creative or Applied Project**
   o **Who it's for**: Students interested in producing tangible work like a portfolio, design, or performance.
   o **Deliverables**: Creative work and a 5-10 page reflective paper.
   o **Examples**: Making a short documentary or designing an app.

4. **Service Learning/Community Engagement**
   o **Who it's for**: Students who want to work on projects that serve the community.
   o **Deliverables**: Project documentation and a reflective paper.
   o **Examples**: Leading a voter registration campaign or tutoring local students.

5. **Business/Social Entrepreneurship**
   - o **Who it's for**: Students interested in starting a business or addressing social issues.
   - o **Deliverables**: Business plan, reflective report, and a pitch presentation.
   - o **Examples**: Developing a sustainable fashion line or creating a nonprofit.

6. **Digital Media Project**
   - o **Who it's for**: Students who want to create digital content (e.g., apps, podcasts).
   - o **Deliverables**: Finished digital project and a reflective paper.
   - o **Examples**: Creating a podcast or designing a mental health app.

7. **Cross-Disciplinary Collaboration**
   - o **Who it's for**: Students who want to work with others from different academic fields.
   - o **Deliverables**: Group report, individual reflections, and a group presentation.
   - o **Examples**: Engineering and art students collaborating on a project.

Capstone Timeline
The capstone can be completed at any point during your undergraduate studies, but here's a typical timeline:
- **Spring (Junior Year)**: Start exploring potential capstone experiences
- **Fall (Senior Year)**: Submit your proposal and start working with a faculty mentor or professional supervisor.
- **Spring (Senior Year)**: Complete the project and present it at a public event (e.g., Honors Symposium).

Deliverables
For your capstone, you'll need to submit:
- A project proposal (goals, timeline).
- Regular meetings with your mentor to track progress.
- Format-specific deliverables like a thesis, report, portfolio, or creative work.
- A final presentation of your project.

Evaluation Criteria
Your capstone will be evaluated on:
- **Impact**: How your project contributes to your field or community.
- **Reflection**: How you explain what you've learned.
- **Professionalism**: The clarity and quality of your final presentation.

Student Information

- **Name**: _____
- **NetID**: _____
- **Major(s)**: _____
- **Minor(s)**: _____
- **Email**: _____
- **Phone**: _____

Capstone Information

- **Proposed Project Title**: _____
- **Capstone Type (ie: Research project or service learning)**: _____
- **Semester and Year of Completion**: _____

Project Description

Write a brief description of your project (1 page), including:

1. **Overview**: What is the project about and why is it important?
2. **Timeline**: What are your key milestones?
3. **Deliverables**: What will you submit at the end (e.g., report, presentation, portfolio)?

(Attach a separate sheet)

Mentor/Supervisor Information

- **Name**: _____
- **Department/Company**: _____
- **Email**: _____
- **Phone**: _____

Learning Objectives

How does your project connect to the goals of the Honors College and your personal academic or career goals? (200-300 words)

Signatures

- **Student Signature**: _____   Date: _____

- **Capstone mentor/supervisor approval:**

  o Signature: _____   Date: _____

- **Honors Assistant Dean Approval**:

  o Signature:_____   Date: _____