

## **DEPARTMENTAL HONORS IN LANGUAGES, LITERATURES AND CULTURES**

The Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures invites highly qualified majors (or double majors) to distinguish themselves by earning honors in French, German, or Spanish through approved course work and/or independent study culminating in the completion of an honors thesis during the Senior year. Students interested in participating may obtain additional information from the Director of the Honors Program Languages, Literatures and Cultures.

### ***Admission Requirements***

In order to be admitted to the program a student must:

Submit a formal application to the Director of the Honors Program in Languages, Literatures and Cultures.

1. Have completed 60 hours of university-level work.
2. Be a declared major or double major in Languages, Literatures and Cultures.
3. Have a minimum overall GPA of 3.3 with a GPA of 3.6 in the chosen language.

### ***Departmental Honors Program Requirements***

In order to graduate with departmental honors a student must:

1. Complete the general requirements for the major.
2. Maintain an overall GPA of 3.3 and GPA of 3.6 in the major language.
3. Complete 9 hours of in-course honors work at the 300-level in the major.
4. Complete an honors thesis during the senior year by enrolling in either IDS 395 (Honors Thesis – 3 credits) [prior to 2004-2005 catalog use LAN 299, Independent Honors Study (3 credits)], or LAN 395, Senior Seminar. Choosing the latter option does not count as part of the 9 hour 300-level requirement described in #3 above.
5. Apply to the Department and the Honors Office during the first month of the graduation semester for Honors Degree designation.

### ***Honors Thesis***

1. The Honors Thesis will consist of an extensive paper (approximately 30 pages) on a subject to be determined by the student in consultation with the thesis advisor and approved by the Director of the Honors Program in Languages, Literatures and Cultures. It must be the product of original research conducted in an established area of scholarship such as literary criticism, cultural studies, or linguistics.
2. The Director of the Honors Program in Languages, Literatures and Cultures will assist the student in finding a suitable faculty advisor for the thesis project.
3. The thesis itself will be graded by a committee consisting of the thesis advisor, the Director of the Honors Program in Languages, Literatures and Cultures, and a third faculty member to be appointed by the Director.
4. In order to qualify the student for Department Honors the thesis must receive an A grade.
5. There will be an oral presentation of the thesis material by the student during or before the last week of the graduation semester.