

Proposal Procedure for Single Honor

In order to apply for enrollment in a section of AAAS 495 (Fall Semester), the first of two semesters of the Senior Honors Thesis Program leading to the Graduation with Distinction (GwD), the student will write and submit a two-page proposal of the thesis project along with a bibliography of no more than one page to a Prospective Thesis Advisor holding an appointment in the Department of African & African American Studies no later than **March 1 of the junior year**.

- NOTE: Ideally, students applying for GwD in AAAS should have completed two or more classes with faculty holding appointments in the Department of African & African American Studies. Additionally, it is strongly recommended that the student applicant have completed at least one seminar class with, and have written at least one term paper for, the Prospective Advisor.

Once the Prospective Advisor receives the proposal, they will assess:

- a. The suitability of the proposed project for an **Honors Thesis leading toward the Graduation with Distinction** within the major in African & African American Studies;
- b. The applicant's readiness for the proposed project based on the student's prior academic work and the quality of the proposal;
- c. Their own availability to provide supervision of the project during the academic year.

Accordingly, the Prospective Advisor will provide a signed letter in support (on official letterhead) of your application, or will reject the application.

Once the student receives the letter of support from the Prospective Advisor, they will submit the following via email attachment to DUSA, Mian (Helen) Wu, at mian.wu@duke.edu no later than **April 15th of the junior year**.

- Application form
- Written thesis proposal (1-2 pages)
- Bibliography
- Signed letter of support from Prospective Thesis Advisor

All complete applications will then be reviewed for final approval by the Director of Undergraduate Studies (DUS). The student will be informed via email of the DUS's decision to permit or decline enrollment to the Senior Honors Program no later than **April 30th of the junior year**.

Application for Single Major Graduation with Distinction in African & African American Studies

Student Applicant: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Applicant's GPAs: _____ (University) _____ (Major)
(Please note: A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.3 is required in addition to a minimum GPA of 3.5 for work in AAAS)

Title of Distinction/Thesis Project: _____

Thesis Advisor: _____
(This individual must hold an appointment in AAAS)

Defense Committee Members: (Please print)
(Three faculty members including the Thesis Advisor and at least one other AAAS faculty member)

Thesis Advisor: _____

Second Member: _____

Third Member: _____

Description of Honors Thesis Project: Please attach a 1-2 page description of the project.

Bibliography: Please attach

Letter of Recommendation: Please attach a signed letter of recommendation on letterhead from your Thesis Advisor.

By signing below, I understand I am submitting my proposal for review and approval only. I also understand that I am not admitted to the Honors Thesis Track leading to the Graduation with Distinction until the Director of Undergraduate Studies approves my permission to enroll. Additionally, I agree to follow the direction of my Thesis Advisor.

Signature of Student: _____ **Date:** _____

Submission of Application: To the Director of Undergraduate Studies Assistant (DUSA)
Deadline: April 15th of the junior year