Rollins College Honors Degree Program

Interdisciplinary Honors Thesis Proposal

A student in the Honors Degree Program should first consider completing a thesis in their Major field. A student should pursue an Interdisciplinary Honors Thesis only if their project is truly interdisciplinary in nature, spanning two or more disciplines with no clear anchor in any one department or discipline. As a result, Interdisciplinary Honors Thesis proposals will be evaluated according to the same rigorous standards as those submitted for Honors in the Major.

A student interested in pursuing an interdisciplinary Honors thesis must discuss their interest with the Director of the Honors Degree Program by February 28 and submit an Interdisciplinary Honors Thesis Proposal to the Director by April 1.

Upon approval from the Honors Advisory Board, a student completing an Interdisciplinary Honors Thesis must complete the standard thesis proposal form found on the Registrar's website. No late proposals will be accepted under any circumstances. Proposals that have been turned down by an academic department cannot become interdisciplinary thesis projects solely to allow the student to finish the Honors Degree Program.

The proposal should answer the following questions:

- 1. Describe your thesis project. What are your objectives and what activities do you plan to undertake?
- 2. In what disciplines is your thesis research grounded?
- 3. In what ways is this project interdisciplinary?
- 4. What courses have you taken in the disciplines from which your thesis draws? Explain how your training has prepared you to undertake an interdisciplinary thesis.
- 5. What methods will you use?
- 6. List your thesis sponsor and the members of your thesis committee.
- 7. Include a bibliography