

## Application to Register for HNRS 488 – Honors Directed Readings

In this course, Honors students begin research towards a major thesis to be completed as a graduation requirement. Each student will choose a mentor from the faculty. In collaboration with the faculty mentor, the student will develop an original idea about the chosen topic and will formulate a reading list that will contribute to a thesis proposal. The thesis proposal, which is the final product of this class, should be a plan for a substantial piece of work in the student's chosen field and should contribute substantially to the student's professional development.

*To the student:* To register for HNRS 488 you need to provide the information requested below. Your first step should be to contact a faculty member from your major or minor department and ask that person to act as your advisor for your thesis. If that individual agrees, fill in the instructor box and have the instructor sign. Please note that the proposed topic area need not be specific; the general subject area is sufficient for now. Once the instructor agrees, you should then contact the appropriate department chair and secure that person's agreement for the project. You should then bring the form to the Honors Director who will authorize you to register for the course. You will still need to register for the course through the RAIL system.

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Semester & Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor

Instructor who will serve as thesis advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed topic area of thesis: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to serve as thesis advisor for this student:  yes     no Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Department

Department in which the thesis is to be completed: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to the instructor named above serving as thesis director:

yes     no Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Department chair's signature: \_\_\_\_\_