SAAH Honors in the Major
Instructions for Faculty

1. Discuss the student’s idea for their Honors project. If you agree to be their Honors faculty mentor, you will also need to agree upon the number of semester hours the student will earn. 1-2sh are the usual amount. You will also decide on when you will meet together to review student progress.

2. BFA vs Honors Projects. BFA work may NOT be used as part of the Honors project. Students are gaining credit for both the BFA show and their Honors project and, therefore, must have independent work produced for both. Honors work MAY be included in BFA shows as long as it is labeled as such.

3. Direct student to fill out the Honors in the Major Application (located at bottom of this document and on the Honors section of the SAAH website). Students must also apply to graduate prior to, or at the same time as, they complete the HIM application. The deadline to submit the application is the same as the Graduation Application each semester.

4. Give the student special permission in MAUI to add ARTS: 4190 (SA honors) or ARTH: 3985 (AH Honors). If you prefer that advisors do this, please send Megan or Lynne an email, asking us to grant the student special permission to add your honors section. Include the UID#, if at all possible.
   - Check to see if the student is on your class roster to ensure they correctly registered for the course.

5. Discuss the abstract early in the semester. Encourage students to keep notes on their progress to be included in their final abstract. Abstracts are not Artists Statements. Rather, they address what the project is, the students’ methodology, and what they learned from the process. More info on the abstract can be found on the Honors section of the SAAH website.

6. Plan to meet throughout the semester to oversee the Honors project and abstract/thesis progress. Encourage students to meet with Lynne or Megan by the middle of the semester to go over the abstract to make sure they are following abstract guidelines.

7. Sign off on a hard copy of the final abstract showing your approval. The student will need to return it to Lynne or Megan to be scanned into their degree.

8. Verify Students’ Grade. By the Wednesday prior to the Honors Show (which occurs during the last week of classes), please verify the student has completed the HIM and received a passing grade. If this isn’t done, student will not graduate with HIM.
SAAH Honors in the Major
Instructions for Students

Students in SAAH have the opportunity to graduate with honors in the Studio Art major. To be eligible, students must meet minimum GPA requirements by the beginning of the semester in which they will graduate, which are a UI cumulative GPA of 3.33 and an art major GPA of 3.50. Students complete departmental honors projects during the semester they will graduate. Projects will be displayed in a group show the final week of the semester. Students must also end the semester with the above minimum GPAs.

1. **Check your GPA.** Do you have a minimum 3.33 UI GPA and a 3.5 Art/Art History GPA? You can locate your major GPA at the bottom of the Art section in the degree audit.

2. **Decide on a research project.** You may choose to complete a project in any area of art. If you are a BFA student, you may choose to research a topic outside your BFA area. (Honors projects are in addition to BFA work, but may be included in BFA shows.)

3. **Secure a Faculty Advisor.** Speak with a faculty member about your project and ask if they would be willing to be your honors project faculty advisor. Once you secure a faculty advisor, they will decide how many semester hours you will earn. Most are 1-2 sh.

4. **Register for ARTS 4190 or ARTH: 3985.** Either your faculty advisor will give you special permission to register OR you can ask them to send Megan or Lynne an email authorizing special permission.

5. **Meet with an academic advisor** to learn about the requirements of Honors in the Major. A group meeting will be held at the beginning of the semester.

6. **Complete the Honors in the Major application.** Obtain required signatures and return to Lynne or Megan for processing.

7. **Complete your graduation application.** Your graduation application will also need to be completed prior to or at the same time as the Honors in the Major application.

8. **Work on your project and your abstract.** By the beginning of early registration of the semester, meet with advisors to review the format and content of your abstract. Your abstract should be in final form 2 weeks prior to the Honors show.

9. **Obtain final signatures** of the Department Honors Advisor and your faculty Honors Advisor on your final abstract and turn it in to Lynne or Megan.

10. **Prepare for the Honors show.** Your completed project and approved final abstract should be ready for the Honors show. Send Lynne or Megan details of your pieces, including numbers and sizes, so they can plan for the gallery space. You will be sent information about which gallery you will be in, when you can set up and gallery requirements, by the weekend before the show.

11. **Participate in the show.** The SAAH Honors Show occurs the week before finals week and is a requirement of the HIM.

12. **Submit Jpeg of your project** and your abstract to Lynne for the SAAH Honors website.

13. **Submit an electronic copy of your abstract to CLAS or Honors Program TBD.**
Teacher Education Program (TEP) students and students graduating in the summer:

Students who are graduating in the summer or who will be student teaching their final semester will not submit the HIM application until the beginning of the semester they plan to graduate.

Your faculty advisor must approve this. After you have completed all other HIM requirements the semester prior, meet with an advisor and fill in the HIM application at the beginning of the semester you are graduating. While unlikely, it is possible, that if your GPA drops below the requisite GPA by the beginning of your final semester, you would not be eligible to graduate with HIIM, even if you did the project the semester before.
SAAH Honors in the Major Application

Full Name: __________________________ UID#: ______________
Preferred Name: __________________________
Today's Date: ________________ Semester Graduating: ________________
UI GPA: ________________ Major GPA: ________________

Title of Honors Project: _______________________________________
Faculty Mentor: _______________________________________
#of Semester Hours to be Earned: ________

Signatures

Academic Advisor___________________________
Faculty Advisor___________________________
Department Advisor_________________________

____ Has received honors info sheet and abstract information
____ Has signed up for ARTS: 4190 OR ARTH:3985