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.