

Philosophy Honors Option Application

Name _____ Date _____
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PSU Student I.D. # _____

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Name of Faculty Mentor _____

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___ DARS Report

___ Writing Sample

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Guidelines for Philosophy Department's Honors Option

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- II. Requirements to qualify for departmental Honors Option:
 - At least Junior standing (90+ college credits)
 - Completion of at least 20 credits of Philosophy including at least one 400-level course.
 - Minimum GPA of 3.5 in Philosophy courses at admission to Option.
 - Writing sample (5-7 pages on a philosophical topic) that demonstrates skills of philosophical writing and analysis.

- III. Requirements for receiving departmental honors:
 - Completion of Honors Seminar (Phl 485) and Honors Thesis (Phl 403). The former is a formal course taught annually. The student output in the course must consist of a research paper. The latter is an independent research course that the student organizes with a faculty of the Department whose area of specialty coincides with the student's research interests. It must also result in a research paper. Both papers are graded by two faculty members (choice of second reader is based on topic and faculty's specialties). The final grade will be the average of the two graders' scores.
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In order to have Philosophy Honors applied to their degree, the student must notify the Philosophy Department Administrator after he/she applies for graduation and before the degree is awarded.