



Department of Theatre & Dance Departmental Honors

The purpose of the departmental honors program is to expand and strengthen the student's knowledge of the field through a more in-depth and sustained study. A student is admitted into the honors program based on a high level of academic and creative performance as well as the strength of the proposed project. Continuance in the program and the level of honors awarded is at the discretion of the Department Chair. Students admitted into the program enroll in a six-credit hour course: DANC | THEA 499: *Departmental Honors*. The six hours are taken over two consecutive semesters during the academic year of the student's anticipated graduation.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the departmental honors program in the College of Fine Arts, the applicant must have achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 on a minimum of 60 hours in residence at the University of New Mexico. Only majors in the department are eligible to apply for the honors program. The application must be submitted at least two semesters prior to graduation. In addition, applicants should have demonstrated a high level of maturity, professionalism, pursuit of excellence, and the ability to work and think independently.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- **APPLICATION FORM**
- **RECOMMENDATION FORM SIGNED BY FACULTY MENTOR**
- **CURRENT RESUME/CV**
- **COPY OF UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT/S.**
- **PROJECT PROPOSAL** The prospectus should include the project title and detailed description; artistic and scholarly objectives; research questions; and methodology. Applicants should indicate whether they wish to pursue a thesis or creative project accompanied by an essay.
 - **Creative Project with Essay:** An independent creative project (in Dance, Design, or Theatre) accompanied by a substantial essay (typically 20-30 pages). The essay should be comprised of a critical analysis of the project, discussion of the research that informed the project design, and critical reflection on the project itself. The essay should deploy appropriate scholarly apparatus, including proper and consistent use of citations, footnotes/endnotes, and bibliography.

- **Thesis:** An original work of independent research and writing (typically 40-50 pages) that undertakes an in-depth exploration of a significant topic. The essay should deploy appropriate scholarly apparatus, including proper and consistent use of citations, footnotes/endnotes, and bibliography.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Students interested in taking honors thesis should discuss their project with a prospective advisor and meet with the Theatre or Dance Academic Advisor and/or Honors Coordinator. Completed applications should be submitted to the Department of Theatre and Dance office by the designated deadline the spring semester their junior year. Applicants will be notified of the status of their application over the summer and, if approved, granted permission to enroll in DANC | THEA 499: *Departmental Honors*. Accepted students must enroll in Honors Thesis later than the first day of classes in the fall semester of their senior year.

RESPONSIBILITY

After admission to the program, the student assumes complete responsibility for the completion of the project, including the time and place of any public presentations of the project, and the completion of the necessary paperwork for the final evaluation of the project's written component. The student's progress will be carefully monitored by the Honors Project faculty mentor.

The Honors Project should be completed no later than the Spring semester during which the student anticipates graduating. Fall graduates should plan to complete their Honors Project the Spring semester **prior** to their anticipated graduation.

EVALUATION AND LEVEL OF HONORS

Upon completion of all requirements, a committee will evaluate the project and submit a recommendation for the level of honors to the Department Chair who will then make recommendations to the CFA Dean of Student Affairs. The level of honors may be cum laude (honors), magna cum laude (high honors), or summa cum laude (highest honors). Honors designations will be printed on the diploma and recorded on the permanent record, after completion of all degree requirements has been confirmed.

Graduation with departmental honors will never be a matter solely of performance in required or standard courses, or of grade point averages in either the field of specialization or the entire program of the student. The minimum requirement for graduation with Departmental Honors in the College of Fine Arts is the completion of no fewer than 6 credit hours in DANC | THEA 499: *Departmental Honors*. However, continuance in the Departmental Honors program (and the level of honors at which candidates will graduate) are at the discretion of the Honors Committee, the Department Chair, and the CFA Associate Dean of Student Affairs.



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APPLICATION FORM

Date

Student Name

UNM ID#

Address

City, State, ZIP

Phone Number

Major

Number of Hours Completed at UNM

Cumulative Grade Point Average

Anticipated Graduation (Semester/Year)

With this application form, please submit: (1) a prospectus that includes the project title and description, artistic and scholarly objectives, research questions, and methodology; (2) a recommendation form completed and signed by prospective faculty mentor; (3) current CV/resume; and (4) current unofficial transcripts.

Faculty Mentor Signature

Faculty Mentor Printed Name

Date

Area Head Signature

Area Head Printed Name

Date

Department Chair Signature

Department Chair Printed Name

Date

CFA Associate Dean Signature

CFA Associate Dean Printed Name

Date



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FACULTY LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation for: _____
Applicant's Name *UNM ID#*

APPLICANT: When asking an instructor to complete this form, you must also present your application, and project proposal.

RECOMMENDER:

By supporting this applicant's proposal, you agree to serve as faculty mentor for the proposed project and supervise the student's work while s/he is enrolled in the Departmental Honors Program.

Please assess the applicant's qualifications and honors proposal. (You may attach a separate document.)

Faculty Mentor Signature

Faculty Mentor Printed Name

Date