

AFRICANA STUDIES HONORS PROGRAM

Exceptional students majoring in Africana studies are considered for admission to the honors program upon the successful completion of five semesters or 80 credit hours (including at least 16 in Africana studies). The honors program consists of two courses taken in the senior year: AFST 497, Advanced Independent Study/Honors Research, and AFST 499, Honors Thesis. Honors in Africana studies are awarded to students who receive at least a B+ grade in Advanced Independent Study/Honors Research and at least an A- in Honors Thesis.

Students who wish to enroll in the honors program must have a 3.5 grade-point average in Africana Studies. The undergraduate studies director solicits a sample of the student's written work in Africana studies courses and two letters of recommendation from appropriate faculty.

Students entering the Honors Program should contact a potential advisor in her/his area of interest several months before the start of the fall semester to insure the acceptability of the project and the availability of the individual advisor. In the first semester the student chooses a topic and writes a formal proposal under the supervision of the advisor, in accordance with departmental standards. This proposal will then be approved and formally recorded in the minutes of the department faculty meetings. A copy of the proposal will be sent to the chosen second reader of the thesis. The first semester is dedicated to research and analysis, while the second is dedicated to the writing of the thesis.

Theses must be completed two weeks before the end of the semester that the student intends to graduate. Finished theses are bound and must meet the formatting requirements laid down by the department. We suggest you follow the "Guidelines for Preparing a Thesis or Dissertation" in *The Graduate School – Handbook* <http://gradschool.Binghamton.edu/cs/handbook.html>. Samples of the title page and signature page follow. Earlier Honors Theses may be viewed in the Library or in the Africana Studies office.

After the thesis is completed and signed, the student should submit the original and a second copy to the Africana Studies secretary. One copy is for Special Collections in the Library, the other is for the Africana Studies library. If the student wants a personal copy bound they should bring the additional copy along with a \$10 binding fee. Payment must be made by check or money order only to: Library IFR Account #90405. The thesis is then taken by Africana Studies to the Circulation Desk. There is an eight to ten week turn-around time frame for the binding. Students should provide a forwarding address to Africana Studies and Africana Studies will mail out their copy.

SAMPLE TITLE PAGE FOR SENIOR HONORS THESIS

**TITLE OF YOUR HONORS THESIS
and any subtitle below in upper-lower case**

**By
Your full name (as per Registrar's record)**

SENIOR HONORS THESIS

**Submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirements for
the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Africana Studies**

**Binghamton University
State University of New York**

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**SAMPLE SIGNATURE PAGE FOR
SENIOR HONORS THESIS**

Accepted in partial fulfillment of the requirements for
the degree of Bachelor of Africana Studies
Binghamton University
State University of New York
_____ (Year)

Professor A _____ (month, day, year)
Department of Africana Studies

Professor B _____ (month, day, year)
Department of Africana Studies

**APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO HONORS
PROGRAM
IN AFRICANA STUDIES**

Name: _____

Date Submitted: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Major(s): _____

___ **Two Letters of Recommendation Required:**

1. _____, 2. _____

___ **Sample of Student's Written Work Required**

Thesis Title (tentative): _____

Brief Summary of Thesis Topic: _____

Principal Reader: _____

Second Reader: _____

Student Signature: _____