



BA HONORS IN COMPARATIVE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

INFORMATION SESSION FOR THIRD-YEAR CHDV MAJORS



TO RECEIVE HONORS

Minimum GPA Requirement

- 3.5 Major GPA
- 3.25 Overall GPA
- required at the time of graduation and when applying to honors

BA Honors Research

- CHDV 29800: BA Honors Seminar (Spring 2021)
- CHDV 29900: Honors Paper Preparation (Fall 2021)
- BA Honors Paper (Fall 2021 – Winter 2022)
 - ❖ 30-40 pages
 - ❖ “reflects scholarly proficiency in an area of study within CHD”
 - ❖ “should reflect original research of an empirical, scholarly, or theoretical nature”
 - ❖ Determined worthy of honors by the student’s BA Honors Committee (Faculty Thesis Advisor and a Second Reader)
- Presentation of the research at the Department’s Trial Research Conference (Spring 2022)



OVERVIEW OF THE BA HONORS PROGRAM

TODAY – JUNE 2022



BA HONORS OVERVIEW: THIS QUARTER, WINTER 2021

- Start thinking about a topic or general area of interest for your BA Honors project
- Meet with potential faculty thesis advisors
- Apply to enter CHDV29800 - "BA Honors Seminar" (applications due March 5th, 2021)



BA HONORS OVERVIEW: SPRING 2021

- Take CHDV29800 - "BA Honors Seminar" - develop your research question and project proposal
- Identify faculty thesis advisor
- Obtain IRB approval for your research project
- Work with thesis advisor and preceptor to complete project proposal
- (Optional) Apply for research funding



BA HONORS OVERVIEW: SUMMER 2021

- Collect data
- If research has been funded, keep track of expenses and your budget
- Send regular updates (at least two!) to your thesis advisor and BA preceptor re: your progress and any problems that arise
- (Optional) Begin data analysis



BA HONORS OVERVIEW:AUTUMN 2021

- Take CHDV29900 - "BA Honors Paper Preparation" - work on analyzing your data and begin drafting your paper
 - NOTE: CHDV 29900 does *not* count towards the 9 electives required for the major
- Complete analysis of the data
- Regularly meet with Thesis Advisor to discuss your findings and begin developing an argument
- Identify Second Reader for your BA Honors Committee

Winter
2021

Spring
2021

Summer
2021

Fall
2021

Winter
2022

Spring
2022

BA HONORS OVERVIEW: WINTER 2022

- Draft your BA Honors paper (30-40 pages)
- Regularly meet with Thesis Advisor to discuss and review writing
- Participate in BA Honors Writing Group (meets every 1-2 weeks to workshop writing)
- Submit rough draft of paper to Preceptor for feedback at the end of the quarter



BA HONORS OVERVIEW: SPRING 2022

- **Early April:** Rough draft due to Thesis Advisor
- **Early May:** Submit final BA project to Thesis Advisor and Second Reader for evaluation
- **Mid-May:** Present your research at the CHD Trial Research Conference
- **Early June:** With approval of your BA Honors Committee, graduate with honors!



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS



TO ENROLL IN CHDV29800: BA HONORS SEMINAR

Eligibility requirements

- Application submitted by March 5
- In residence for Spring and Autumn quarters
- Major GPA of 3.5 or higher
- Overall GPA of 3.25 or higher

Application

- Name
- Major GPA
- Overall GPA
- Unofficial transcript
- Expected thesis advisor
- Topic area

**Submit application to Natalie Dowling at humdev-preceptors@lists.uchicago.edu
Deadline: March 5th, 2021**

TO BEGIN RESEARCH IN SUMMER 2021

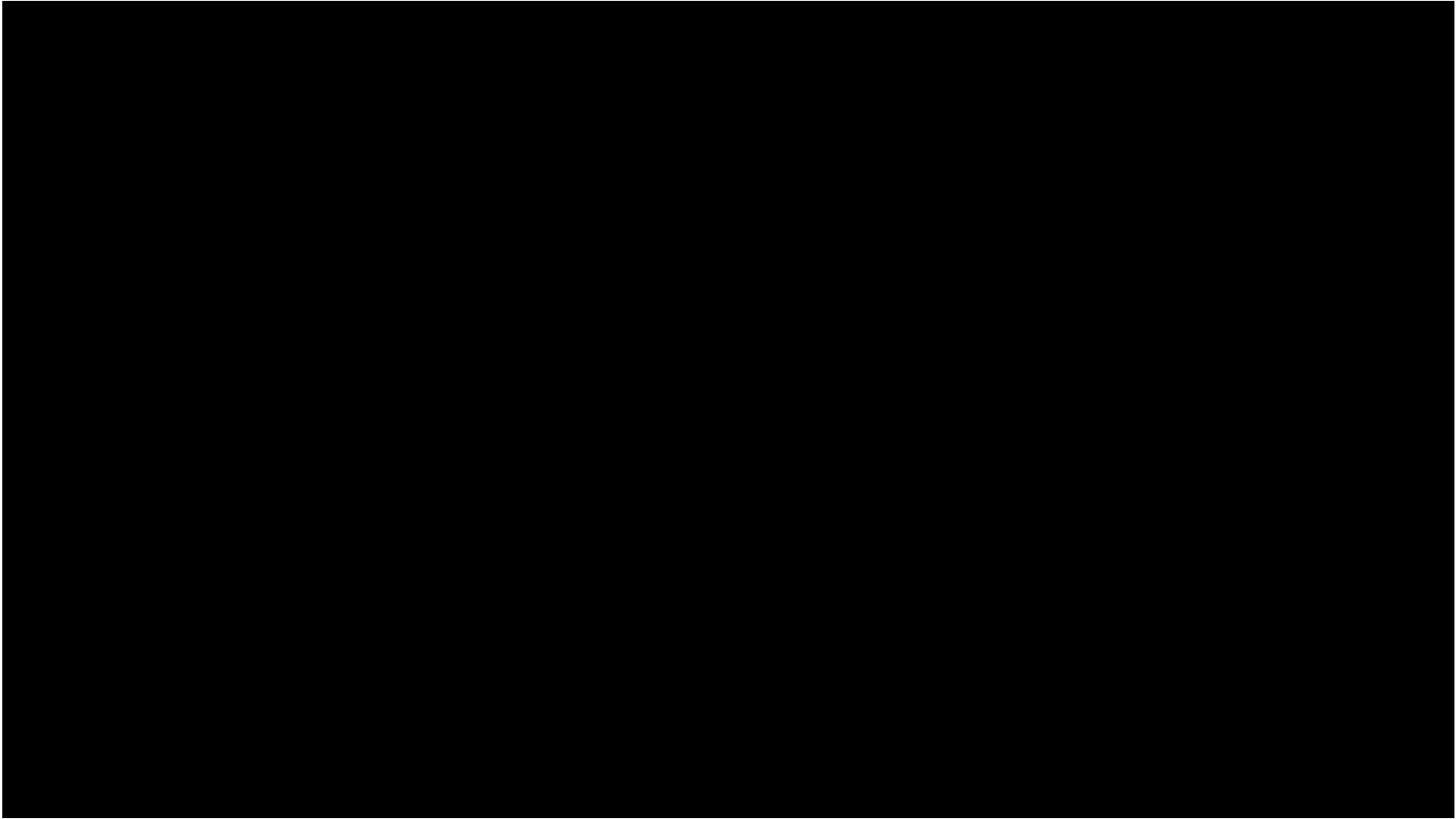
- Take CHDV 29800
- Identify and confirm Faculty Thesis Advisor
- Obtain IRB approval for research project
- Complete BA Project Proposal with guidance of Thesis Advisor and Preceptor



UNDERTAKING A CHD RESEARCH PROJECT

SOME THINGS TO CONSIDER!





RESEARCH QUESTIONS & PROBLEMS

- To what extent does the use of an interpreter impact the quality and quantity of care that Spanish-speaking immigrants receive in rural and urban medical centers?
- How do first- and second-generation Sikh Americans experience discrimination?
- What is the role of adolescent employment in navigating the transition from school to work in adulthood?
- What does the term compliance mean and how is it embodied by those with diabetes?
- How do Black Germans negotiate belonging in a context where German identity and Whiteness are frequently conflated?
- How does the concept of "health" contour restrictive eating discourse in online dieting and pro-anorexia communities?
- How do differences in parent and child talk impact children's analogical reasoning skills?

THE BA HONORS SEMINAR

Our focus: how to **identify, articulate, and address** a research problem.

- **Formulate** interesting research questions across social science disciplines
- **Compare** various methods of data collection and what sorts of problems those methods address (as well as their strengths and weaknesses)
- **Synthesize** and apply the basics of research design toward designing a BA thesis project
- **Create** a written proposal for the BA honors thesis

GETTING STARTED

Identifying a topic area

What interests you? You might draw from:

- Classes you've taken
- Papers you've written
- Extracurricular activities, internships, study abroad, etc.
- Other personal experiences

Other things to think about:

- What methodologies and skills would you like to learn?
- Would you like to do your research project independently or as part of a lab?
- What CHD faculty member might be a good resource for your project?

IDENTIFYING A POTENTIAL FACULTY ADVISOR

- Do some research on *their* research
- Sign up for office hours or make an appointment
- Talk with them about your research interests and reasons for doing the BA project
- Ask about the kinds of BA projects they've supervised before
- Ask about their expectations for the BA students they work with
- (If applicable) ask about what's involved in participating in their lab
- Ask about their availability next quarter and next year

And finally, if it seems like they might be a good fit, ask if they'll supervise your project!

FUNDING YOUR PROJECT: DEPARTMENT FUNDS

Earl R. Franklin Research Fellowship

This fellowship awards \$3000 to current 3rd year students majoring in CHD or Psychology to cover summer expenses in order for students to pursue research that will lead to a BA Honors Project in their 4th year.

Due date: May 28, 2021

<https://humdev.uchicago.edu/content/franklin-research-fellows>

- 3-4 page research proposal
- 1 page personal statement
- Detailed budget
- Curriculum vitae
- Recommendation from your Thesis Advisor

Send to Ms. Janice Pavel at jpavel@uchicago.edu

FUNDING YOUR PROJECT: UNIVERSITY FUNDS

Chicago Center for Research and Fellowships (CCRF)

<https://ccrf.uchicago.edu/>

PRISM Grants

\$5000 grant to support a 10-week period of summer research

<https://ccrf.uchicago.edu/undergraduate-research/prism-program>

Due date: April 2, 2021

Dean's Fellowship for Undergraduate Research

\$750-\$1,500 research grants

<https://ccrf.uchicago.edu/undergraduate-research/deans-fund-undergraduate-research>

Due date: April 2, 2021

ANY QUESTIONS?

Email me (Natalie Dowling) at humdev-preceptors@lists.uchicago.edu to:

- Ask me questions or discuss any of your concerns about Honors, the CHD major, conducting research, etc.
- Sign up for a slot during office hours: every Wednesday, 10am – 12pm
- Arrange a time to meet outside of office hours