

**UCSB DEPARTMENT OF CHICANA AND CHICANO STUDIES
HONORS PROGRAM**

Deadline: August 15, 2009

The Department of Chicana and Chicano Studies offers an honors program that allows motivated undergraduates to work with either a Chicana/o Studies faculty member or an affiliated faculty member to produce an advanced academic project during their senior year. Upon successful completion of all requirements, students will graduate with “Distinction in the Major.”

▪ **Application Process**

To apply for admission to the honors program, department majors must hold a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 *with* a minimum 3.5 GPA in the major. *Special circumstances will be considered for those short of the major GPA minimum requirement.* Please attach a brief one-page explanation of your special circumstances with the honors application.

Applying to the honors program consists of:

1. A completed application form available online from our department website; and
2. A letter of recommendation from a Chicana/o Studies or affiliated faculty member who is familiar with the student’s work (not necessarily the faculty mentor for the project).

Please submit the above items to our undergraduate advisor, Ms. Sonya Baker, before the August 15 deadline. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance after all applications have been reviewed.

▪ **Honors Program**

Once accepted into the honors program, students must enroll in the following independent study courses:

1. CHST 197HA Honors Project Development (Fall Quarter). Allows students to outline the design of the project and the establishment of a methodology (or methodologies) to be utilized. Background and initial research will be undertaken. Course must be taken for a letter grade under the supervision of the faculty mentor.
2. CHST 197HB Honors Project Research (Winter Quarter). Independent research comprising the bulk of the data acquisition and organization for the project. Course must be taken for a letter grade under the supervision of the faculty mentor.
3. CHST197HC Honors Project Writing (Spring Quarter). Allows students to complete the writing of the thesis. Time will be allotted for preparation of the presentation of results to an audience of Chicana/o Studies peers and faculty members. Course must be taken for a letter grade under the supervision of the faculty mentor.

Each course may be counted as one upper-division Chicana/o Studies elective.

- Successful Completion

Students who have successfully completed the Honors Program will be awarded “Distinction in the Major” at their graduation ceremony. Completion of all requirements of the Honors Program includes:

1. Maintaining a GPA of 3.0 overall and 3.5 in the major.
2. Completing three consecutive quarters of CHST 197HA, HB, and HC.
3. Writing a research paper (or equivalent) of at least 25 pages in keeping with departmental guidelines by the seventh week of the spring quarter.
4. Participating in a symposium in the ninth week of the spring quarter to present the results of research to faculty and undergraduate students affiliated with the Department of Chicana and Chicano Studies.
5. Filing a copy of the student’s honors project in the Department Library.

**UCSB DEPARTMENT OF CHICANA AND CHICANO STUDIES
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE HONORS PROGRAM**

Please complete this form and submit it along with an unofficial transcript and a letter of recommendation from a faculty member to: University of California, Santa Barbara, Department of Chicana/o Studies MC/4120, ATTN: Sonya Baker, Santa Barbara, CA 93106.

Applications are due no later than August 15, 2009

Name:	Perm #:
Address:	
	e-mail:
Overall GPA:	Major GPA:
Overall units completed:	Expected Month/Year of Graduation:
Letter of Recommendation requested from:	
Faculty mentor you plan to work with:	
Possible topics of research project:	

I am applying for the Department of Chicana/o Studies honors program. I understand that successful completion of the program includes:

- ✘ Maintaining a GPA of 3.0 overall and a 3.5 in the major.
- ✘ Completing three consecutive quarters of CHST 197HA, HB, HC.
- ✘ Writing a research paper (or equivalent) of at least 25 pages by the seventh week of the spring quarter.
- ✘ Participating in a symposium in the ninth week of the spring quarter to present the results of my research to faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students affiliated with the Department of Chicana and Chicano Studies.
- ✘ Filing a copy of my honors project in the Department Library.

I understand that as an honors program student, I will be eligible to graduate with “Distinction in the Major” upon successfully completing the above requirements.

Signature _____

Date _____

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MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING

*Complete this form and submit it to undergraduate advisor Ms. Sonya Baker
after completing CHST 197HA.*

Name:	Perm #:
Phone:	e-mail:
Overall units completed:	Expected Month/Year of Graduation:
Faculty mentor:	
Possible topics of research project:	

Student:

I understand that successful completion of the honors program includes:

- ✘ Maintaining a GPA of 3.0 overall and a 3.5 in the major.
- ✘ Completing three consecutive quarters of CHST 197HA, HB, HC.
- ✘ Writing a research paper (or equivalent) of at least 25 pages by the seventh week of the spring quarter.
- ✘ Participating in a symposium in the ninth week of the spring quarter to present the results of my research to faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students affiliated with the Department of Chicana/o Studies.
- ✘ Filing a copy of my honors project in the Department Library.

I further understand that as an honors program student, I will be eligible to graduate with “Distinction in the Major” upon successfully completing the above requirements.

Student _____ **Date** _____

Instructor:

Please sign only after you have begun the project with the student.

I agree to act as the faculty mentor on this honors project as preliminarily proposed by the student.

Instructor _____ **Date** _____

Department Chair _____ **Date** _____