Departmental Honors Program: Anthropology

As an anthropology major, would you like an additional intellectual challenge? Perhaps the Honors Program would interest you? This program is designed to encourage and reward excellence in undergraduate studies. In the Commencement Program and at Commencement itself, seniors who have completed the Honors Program will have their achievement acknowledged. In addition, at Commencement seniors who earned Honors wear an honors cord with their academic gowns. The student's transcript also will carry the designation "Departmental Honors in Anthropology".

<u>Eligibility:</u> This program is NOT limited to members of the Honors College. Departmental Honors is also a separate program from the Writing Honors Program*. To Be eligible for Department Honors you must

- have a grade point average of at least 3.5 in your anthropology courses
- be qualified to take upper division courses.

Enrollment: If you meet these requirements

- make an appointment with Departmental Honors Representatives, Dr. Evelyn J. Bowers, BB301, 285-1576, <u>00ejbowers@bsu.edu</u>; to discuss how you want to fulfill the Departmental Honors requirements, and sign up.
- go to the Honors College office, Ball Honors House 104, and fill in a yellow registration card. Honors College coordinates the Departmental Honors Programs across campus, so this is the only way a student can register for Departmental Honors.

Requirements Two Strategies:

- 1. Course work:
 - Complete ANTH 301—History of Method and Theory with a grade of B or better.
 - Earn honors credit in three upper division courses, one from each of three subareas: cultural anthropology, biological anthropology, archaeology, and linguistics, and earn honors credit for ANTH 390—Honors Colloquium in Anthropology.

Or

2. Coursework and Honors thesis:

- Earn honors credit for two upper division anthropology courses from two different sub-areas.
- Complete HONRS 499—Departmental Honors Thesis or Project. If you are enrolled in the Honors College, you do not have to complete two theses. If you

are not in Honors College, your Departmental Honors thesis or capstone project can fulfill Honors College requirements for Departmental Honors. For details regarding this, consult the Departmental Honors Capstone Project Guide. This must be obtained **before** starting on a thesis project. You must **also** (a) make an appointment with an Honors College representative to discuss ideas for the project; (b) choose an advisor in the Anthropology Department to mentor the project, and get his or her agreement; (c) write a proposal and submit it to Honors College; (d) have it approved by Honors College, which will then give you permission to enroll in HONRS 499N (Departmental Honors Project); (e) compete the project.

Honors Credit for a course: To earn Honors credit for a course, you must (1) obtain a Departmental Honors form from Honors College; (2) discuss wanting to take a course for Honors credit with the instructor during the first week on class, and, if the instructor is agreeable, work out what you will do for that honors credit (which is in addition to the regular course work); (3) obtain his or her signature giving permission; (4) return the signed for to Honors College; (5) notify a Departmental Honors representative which course you are taking for Honors credit; (6) complete the course including the Honors work for a grade of A. If you do not earn an A in a course you have proposed as part of your Honors requirements, you may propose another course in its place. (7) Maintain a GPA of 3.5 or better in Anthropology.

<u>Timetable:</u> (1) check with the Department Representative(s) to work out an appropriate timetable. (2) To be included in the Commencement Program as a recipient, all completed requirements must be documented on the yellow Departmental Honors Completed Requirement forms and submitted to Honors College by 31 October for a December Commencement, 17 March for a May Commencement, or 3 June for a July Commencement. This necessitates that you complete your Departmental Honors requirements in time for your instructor to grade your work by the submission date.

Honors in Writing

The Anthropology Departmental Representative of the Honors Writing Program is currently Dr. Evelyn Bowers. Please make an appointment with her BB301, 285-1576, 00ejbowers@bsu.eduto discuss Honors in Writing.