Presentations of Progress

**Description & Goals**

In the middle of the fall semester of your senior year, you will formally present the progress you have made on your thesis. The primary goals of this presentation are:

* To provide the opportunity for faculty and fellow Honors students to provide constructive feedback on your research
* To provide you an opportunity to discuss your research and seek feedback to strengthen your work
* To help ensure that you are on track to successfully complete your thesis

**Format**

In a classroom setting among an audience of faculty mentors, members of the Honors Advisory Council, and Honors Fellows, you will make a formal presentation about your research. We encourage students to put together a simple powerpoint presentation to facilitate their presentation.

The presentation should be 8-10 minutes long. It will be followed by 5 minutes for Q&A.

Your 8-10 minute presentation should include:

* + A title slide with the name of the project, your name, academic department, and mentor’s name
	+ A brief summary of the project goals, methods, and the anticipated final product (e.g. a multi-chapter thesis, a recording of a creative production and accompanying analysis)
	+ **A clear articulation of how your research has progressed since your thesis proposal**
	+ A discussion of preliminary findings, as appropriate
	+ Select bibliography
	+ You may also take time to ask questions of your audience. The audience can offer feedback or help you work through a particular issue or dilemma you currently face in your work.

A moderator will be present in each session to ensure that your presentation begins and ends on time. The moderator will help facilitate the Q&A session.

**Things to Remember**

While this is a presentation in progress and not necessarily your final project, students should treat this like any other professional presentation. The audience is there to support and assist you, but your presentation should be rehearsed to ensure clarity and to stay within the time limit.

Please note that if you are using a powerpoint or some other form of technology, you will need to arrive a little early to set things up so your session can begin on time.

We will all take a short break between sessions for light refreshments, so it will be very important that everyone stays on schedule.