CRONKITE BARRETT HONORS PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Cronkite School students who are in Barrett, the Honors College should make an appointment no later than the second semester of their freshmen year with one of the two Cronkite Honors Faculty Advisors (Dr. Silcock or Dr. Matera) who will talk to you about the opportunities available to you as a Cronkite School, Barrett Honors student.

The Cronkite Honors Faculty Advisors are appointed by the dean to represent and uphold the standards of both the Cronkite School and Barrett, the Honors College. Most importantly, Cronkite Honors Faculty Advisors will help you to identify a qualified and enthusiastic faculty member to act as your Thesis Chair.

CRONKITE BARRETT FACULTY HONORS ADVISORS

• For students interested in news (broadcast, print, digital, documentary) contact Dr. Bill Silcock at bsilcock@asu.edu

• For students interested in strategic communications (public relations, marketing) contact Dr. Fran Matera at matera@asu.edu.

HONORS COURSES AT CRONKITE

Each semester some required courses in the Cronkite curriculum have designated Honors sections. We strongly encourage you to enroll in these sections when they are offered. Honors enrichment contracts are not available in non-honors sections of these courses.

To arrange to do an Honors enrichment contract for a course:

1. Speak with the instructor within the first week of the course letting them know of your interest. Most faculty will agree to work with you on an Honors enrichment contract, but are not required to do so. Both full-
and part-time faculty can administer these contracts in non-honors sections of courses.


3. In general, you should plan on doing at least eight additional hours of work to earn the honors credit. This should include at least two meetings with the instructor in his/her office. The remaining hours are spent on the agreed upon enrichment experience. This can be a blog, a paper, a project, a presentation or supplementary readings.

4. It is up to the instructor to determine whether you’ve met the requirements for honors credit.

CRONKITE SCHOOL HONORS THESIS GUIDELINES

Students must complete the Cronkite School Thesis Project Workshop or an online Barrett workshop before enrolling in the thesis research course (XXX 492.)

1. Meet with Dr. Silcock or Dr. Matera to discuss your thesis ideas. They will help you identify potential thesis chairs (directors.) Your thesis chair must be a full-time Cronkite School faculty member. Visit http://cronkite.asu.edu/faculty/index.php for a list of Cronkite School faculty members eligible to chair a thesis.

2. After meeting with Dr. Silcock or Dr. Matera, it is your responsibility to meet with the potential thesis chair to discuss thesis ideas and to complete the prospectus and other paperwork.

3. In consultation with your thesis chair, identify the second member of your thesis committee. This person can be a full- or part-time faculty member or a media industry professional.

4. The prospectus should provide contact information for the student, the topic and a working title for the thesis, list the thesis chair and second
committee member, and indicate a tentative date (month is sufficient) for the defense. It should be signed by the student, the thesis chair and the second committee member.

5. Submit your thesis prospectus to Dr. Silcock or Matera and to the Honors College by the deadline—Nov. 15 for spring, March 15 for fall.

6. To assist with your thesis, Barrett, The Honors College provides $500 in funds that can be used to purchase software, books and other items. In consultation with your thesis chair, funds also are available to bring in an external committee member for the defense. For more information visit http://barretthonors.asu.edu/academics/thesis-and-creative-project/funding/

7. You can complete your thesis in a school or department other than Cronkite. If you do so, you must follow that department’s or school’s thesis guidelines. Please notify Dr. Silcock or Dr. Matera if you would like to do your thesis in another school or department.