

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
HONORS PROSPECTUS**

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| Project Title: | |
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| Name of Student Author: | |
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| Check the course for which you are registering: | | BIOL 3960 | | MICR 3960 |
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Please note that a student cannot register for BIOL/MICR 3960 until an approved prospectus has been submitted to the Department of Biological Sciences.

BIOL 3960/MICR 3960 Pre-requisite Checklist:

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| Upper Division Standing (minimum 70 units): | |
| Completed at least 30 units in the major (minimum 18 units in residence): | |
| Completion of A3: | |
| Minimum 3.0 GPA : | |

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| Date submitted to the Department of Biological Sciences: | |
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| Honors Thesis Advisor: | | | |
| Committee Member: | | | |
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| Date Approved | |
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Prospectus:

Minimum one paragraph; maximum 500 words. Should include: **Background:** a brief introduction to the topic including any gaps in knowledge that are relevant to the student project. **Scientific Question:** a concise statement of the scientific question that the student is trying to answer. **Hypothesis** (if the study is mechanistic) or **Goals/Objectives** (if the research is not hypothesis driven): a concise statement of the specific hypotheses or goals/objectives. **Experimental Approach:** an overview of the methodological approach or how the student plans to carry out the project and will analyze the generated data (if known). **Significance:** what will be learned if the study is successfully conducted, and how it contributes to the faculty research program, field of study, and/or society.

Procedures and Deadlines:

Once the project plan is approved by the Thesis Committee, submit the signed prospectus to the department staff member who handles the Undergraduate Honors in Biology/Microbiology Programs no later than the add deadline day of the term in which you expect to enroll in BIOL/MICR 3960 units. Students may enroll in BIOL/MICR 3960 only after the approved prospectus has been submitted to the department. You may register for no more than 3 of the required 4 units of BIOL/MICR 3960 in any one term. You should expect to work on your thesis research at least 10 hours a week for each unit of BIOL/MICR 3960 in which you are enrolled.

Academic Honesty:

As in all courses at the University, you must abide by the University's Academic Honesty Policy, which may be found online at <http://www.calstatela.edu/academicsenate/handbook/ch5a#cheating>.