

# Animal Behavior Honors Agreement

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Planned graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please initial each item.**

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1. \_\_\_\_ Honors applies to an Animal Behavior degree ONLY.
2. \_\_\_\_ Copies of an application to the Honors Program should be submitted to the Biology Advising Office and to CISAB.
3. \_\_\_\_ Coursework must include six credits of independent research (ANTH-X 476, ANTH-X 477, ANTH-X 478, ANTH-X 479, BIOL-X 490, CHEM-X 399, COGS-X 497, COGS-X 498, COGS-Q 499, PHYS-X 498, PSY-X 397, PSY-X 398, PSY-X 497, PSY-X 498, PSY-P 499) in a **CISAB-affiliated laboratory**.<sup>1</sup>
4. \_\_\_\_ **Independent research course credit must be taken during at least two semesters.** Summer may count as one semester if registered in the research credit course during the entire summer (one summer session count as a semester).
5. \_\_\_\_ **A 3.3 overall College GPA is required at the time of graduation.** Even if a thesis is submitted well in advance of graduation, a 3.3 GPA at the time of graduation is a requirement.
6. \_\_\_\_ **Candidate's thesis committee must include at least three faculty members (not post-docs or graduate students). At least two members must be CISAB faculty members (attached).** The student should form their committee by the beginning of their penultimate semester.
7. \_\_\_\_ **Students should contact their committee by the start of their last semester to schedule their thesis defense.**
  - a. Scheduling the defense early will help ensure that a time can be found when all committee members will be available.
  - b. The candidate is responsible for booking a time and place for a public defense.
  - c. The defense should be scheduled no later than one week before the end of the student's last semester.
8. \_\_\_\_ **A copy of the honors thesis must be provided to each committee member at least 1 week prior to the defense.**
  - a. The thesis must follow the general format of a journal article (Introduction, Material and Methods/Procedures, Results, and Discussion/Conclusions).
  - b. References to all sources must be included with format following that of a journal in the field of study relevant to the thesis topic.
  - c. While no absolute length requirement is in place, the suggested minimum length is 15 pages, double-spaced, 12 pt. font (any standard font such as Times, Arial, Helvetica), and 1" margins, not including references.

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<sup>1</sup> Refer to the CISAB faculty website to confirm that your thesis advisor is a member of CISAB. In rare cases, the CISAB director may approve an animal behavior-related project in a non-CISAB affiliated lab. This approval should be sought before enrolling for research credit. Note that you will be enrolling in a supervised research course offered in your thesis advisor's home department.

9. \_\_\_\_ **A thesis defense must be held, followed by a closed meeting with the committee.**
  - a. The thesis presentation may be open to the public or closed and include just the committee.
  - b. Following the defense, the candidate must meet with the committee to address any issues.
  - c. Once the defense is completed to the satisfaction of the committee, the thesis must be signed by all committee members.
10. \_\_\_\_ **A signed physical copy of the honors thesis document must be turned in to the Biology Undergraduate Advising Office and to CISAB prior to graduation.<sup>2</sup>**
11. \_\_\_\_ **The Biology Undergraduate Advising Office and CISAB must be informed as soon as a candidate is aware of changes to honors plans (including committee members, graduation date, or Independent Research Course enrollment).**

Obtain the signatures of your thesis committee below to verify that they have agreed to serve on your committee:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Thesis advisor*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Committee member*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Committee member*

*Honors Thesis Research Topic:* \_\_\_\_\_

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*Note – students should notify the CISAB Director and receive approval for changes in the thesis topic.*

**I have read and understand the Departmental Honors agreement, and I agree to its guidelines. I understand that failure to meet these guidelines will result in the loss of departmental honors.**

*Name:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Date:* \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>2</sup> Graduation usually occurs on the last day of the month of graduation. However, if a candidate plans to submit a thesis after the graduation ceremony has taken place, the Biology Undergraduate Advising Office should be notified as soon as possible.

## Potential Animal Behavior Thesis Advisors/Committee Members

### CISAB Faculty

Jeffrey Alberts (PBS)  
Colin Allen (HPS, COGS)  
Randall Beer (INFO, COGS)  
John Beggs (PHYS)  
Heather Bradshaw (PBS)  
Sue Carter (BIO, KINS)  
Jonathan Crystal (PBS)  
Rob de Ruyter (PHYS)  
Greg Demas (BIO)  
Robert Devoe (OPT)  
Justin Garcia (GENS)  
Preston Garraghty (PBS)  
Spencer Hall (BIO)  
Rick Harbaugh (BUS)  
Julia Heiman (PBS)  
Kevin Hunt (GEOL)  
Laura Hurley (BIO)  
Eduardo Izquierdo (COGS)  
Frederika Kaestel (ANTH)  
Ellen Ketterson (BIO)  
Curt Lively (BIO)  
Elisabeth Lloyd (HPS)  
Ken Mackie (PBS)  
Emília Martins (BIO)  
Armin Moczek (BIO)  
David Polly (GEOL)  
Kim Rosvall (BIO)  
Stephanie Sanders (GENS, KINS)  
Laura Scheiber (ANTH)  
Kathy Schick (ANTH)  
Whitney Schlegel (BIO)  
Tom Schoenemann (ANTH, COGS)  
Dale Sengelaub (PBS)  
Sinta Setayeshgar (PHYS)  
Patrick Shih (INFO)  
G. Troy Smith (BIO)  
Rod Suthers (MEDS)  
Peter Todd (INFO, PBS, COGS)  
Nicholas Toth (ANTH)  
Dan Tracy (BIO)  
Virginia Vitzthum (ANTH, KINS)

Michael J. Wade (BIO)  
Michael Wasserman (ANTH)  
Cara Wellman (PBS)

### CISAB Research Scientists

Farrah Bashey-Visser (BIO)  
Andrew King (PBS)  
Sachiko Koyama (Med Sci)

### Affiliated CISAB Faculty

Rob Shumaker (INDZ, ANTH(AFFIL))

### **DEPARTMENT ABBREVIATIONS:**

**ANTH = ANTHROPOLOGY**

**BIO= BIOLOGY**

**BUS = BUSINESS**

**COGS = COGNITIVE SCIENCE**

**GENS = GENDER STUDIES**

**GEOL = GEOLOGY**

**HPS = HISTORY & PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE**

**INDZ = INDIANAPOLIS ZOO**

**INFO = INFORMATICS**

**KINS = KINSEY INSTITUTE**

**MEDS = MEDICAL SCIENCES**

**OPT = OPTOMETRY**

**PBS = PSYCHOLOGICAL AND BRAIN SCIENCE**

**SPEA = SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL  
AFFAIRS**