

BSP Honors Options FAQs

What is an Honors Option?

The MSU Honors College describes an Honors Option as a “more extensive or more advanced work than is required of all students in a regular course.” Honors Options must be supervised by a member of the MSU faculty.

Does the Bailey Scholars Program offer Honors Options in its core courses?

Yes. Any MSU Honors College student may request an Honors Option for any of the Bailey courses (ANR 210, ANR 310, ANR 311, and ANR 410).

Who will supervise my BSP Honors Option?

In most cases, Dustin Petty, the BSP Academic Advisor, will supervise your Honors Option. Occasionally, Dr. Sarah Prior, the BSP Director, will be conducting research and have spots available for undergraduate researchers. Nevertheless, if you are interested in completing an Honors Option, you should contact Dustin.

When do I have to declare my Honors Option for BSP?

You should contact Dustin within the first three weeks of class to declare your interest in an Honors Option. Once you have proposed a topic and decided on your final product, there will be a form to complete for the MSU Honors College.

How do I choose a topic?

You can choose any topic that your ANR class isn't already covering. The options are literally endless. Dustin will need to approve your final topic and may offer suggestions based on your interests.

What will my final product be?

Again, this is up to you (but must be approved by Dustin). Some final products that previous scholars have chosen include podcasts, posters, research papers, children's books, welding project, artwork, etc. Each BSP Honors Option must be shared on the student's ePortfolio and they post a reflection using the Bailey Learning Assessment Model (attached).

When is my Honors Option due?

You must submit your final product and have your reflection posted on your ePortfolio before the end of the last week of classes for that semester.