

PHIL 4955H – HONORS SUPPLEMENT (1 CR.)

INFORMATION AND APPLICATION

What is an “Honors Supplement”?

PHIL 4955H – Honors Supplement is an add-on one-credit course option that allows students to undertake a self-designed, supplementary research, creative, or service project in conjunction with a 3000- or 4000-level Philosophy course. Successful completion of PHIL 4955H earns the student an Honors credit. Students can propose independent projects or group projects (appropriate for small groups of up to three students). An appropriate project will normally require an additional three hours of work per week.

Sample projects appropriate for an independent PHIL 4955H project:

- The completion of an annotated bibliography, literature review, and/or thesis proposal, in preparation for writing a senior thesis.
- Reading a book related to the course and completing a book review (either one that is appropriate for an academic audience or one that targets an informed general public).
- Engaging in ongoing research of related current events and preparing and submitting a philosophically informed op-ed on the topic.
- Completing an artistic or creative project that relates to and explores related themes.

Sample projects appropriate for a group PHIL 4955H project:

- Organizing and participating in a reading group that explores select topics in greater depth throughout the semester and culminates in a presentation for the class.
- Preparing a Wikipedia page for an important missing entry.
- Coming up with – and executing – an on-campus service project that raises awareness of a related issue and/or intervenes on an existing issue.

Who can take the “Honors Supplement”?

PHIL 4955H can only be taken in conjunction with a 3000- or 4000-level Philosophy course and must be taken for a grade. It requires the consent of the course instructor and the Director of the Philosophy Disciplinary Honors Program. Enrollment is restricted to students enrolled in Core and Disciplinary Honors. Students can take PHIL 4955H twice.

How do I get started?

Start drawing up a proposal! And reach out to the course instructor earlier rather than later to make sure the instructor is accepting PHIL 4955H proposals, and is able and willing to work with you on the kind of project you’re interested in pursuing. A complete proposal will include:

- (i) a description of a specific project that clearly relates to but demonstrably exceeds coursework;
- (ii) specific deadline(s) for the completion of project and a specific schedule for regular (not necessarily frequent) check-ins with the instructor; and
- (iii) a copy of the current course syllabus.

Students applying in groups must each submit an application.

Proposals, with all necessary signatures (student signature, signature of course instructor, and signature of the Director of Disciplinary Honors), must be submitted by the add/drop deadline.

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Section 1: Student Information

Last name: _____ First name: _____

MUID: _____ Email: _____@marquette.edu

Which of the following Honors programs are you enrolled in? Select all that apply

Core Honors Disciplinary Honors

Which of the following courses of study are you enrolled in? Select all that apply

Philosophy major Philosophy minor Cognitive science major

Other: _____

What will your academic status be during the semester you take PHIL 4955H?

Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Who is your advisor? _____

Section 2: Course Information

Semester: Fall Spring Summer Year: 2025 2026 2027

Course code: PHIL _____ Course name: _____

Course instructor: _____

Have you received a syllabus for the course yet?

Yes, I have the syllabus for the semester I plan to take the course.

Yes, but only a syllabus from a previous semester.

No; I understand that I must submit a syllabus by the add/drop deadline.

Section 3: PHIL 4955H Proposal

Identify whether the proposal is for an independent project or a group project.

Independent project Group project

If the proposal is for a group project, please list all *other* members of the group below. Each group member must submit an enrollment form and receive approval. Groups of up to 3 will be considered.

Last name	First name	Email address

Which of the following best describes your Honors Supplement proposal?

Research project Creative project Service project

Other: _____

Identify the topic and/or readings on the course syllabus that your project explores in greater depth.

Briefly describe the project you are proposing to complete for your PHIL 4955H proposal.

Complete the following table with all requirements and date to be completed by for the PHIL 4995H credit. Specific deadlines are required (“by the end of the semester” is not okay; “every other week during scheduled office hours” is okay). Regular check-ins with course instructor are also required; at least one by midterms is strongly recommended.

Date	4955H Requirement
Add/drop deadline:	Submit complete PHIL 4955H proposal to Director of Philosophy Disciplinary Honors program.

Section 4: Agreement and consent

- I understand that it is my responsibility to remember deadlines and turn in work in accordance with the schedule outlined above, and that my instructor can, but is not expected to, remind me of impending deadlines and/or provide me with extensions.
- I understand that I will receive a grade for PHIL 4955H, and that my grade for PHIL 4955H may differ from the grade I receive for the course I am taking PHIL 4955H in conjunction with. I also understand that it is not normally possible to pass PHIL 4955H without also passing the course I am taking PHIL 4955H in conjunction with.
- I understand that if I withdraw from the PHIL course that PHIL 4955H is taken in conjunction with, I must also withdraw from PHIL 4955H. (It is possible to withdraw from PHIL 4955H without withdrawing from the Philosophy course it is taken in conjunction with.) I understand that withdrawal is governed by university deadlines and university policies.
- I understand that it is the responsibility of students working in groups to resolve differences and to be accountable to each other, and that my instructor may be turned to for advice but can decline to intervene in any interpersonal difficulties that arise.

Signature of student: _____ Date: _____

Signature of instructor: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Dir. of PHIL Disciplinary Honors: _____ Date: _____