I. Opportunities for Honors Students

The purpose of the B.I.S. Honors program is to offer special education opportunities to students who exhibit a high degree of motivation and intellectual promise. B.I.S. Honors students are encouraged to participate, when appropriate, in departmental honors opportunities related to their areas of concentration.

II. Requirements for Graduation with Honors for B.I.S. Majors

A. Complete the College of Liberal Arts honors graduation requirements.

B. Complete a minimum of four honors opportunities after the 60th credit as specified below. At least two of the four must be honors classroom experiences. Courses used to satisfy honors graduation requirements must be completed at the 3xxx level or higher.

1,2. Two honors opportunities included in the program of coursework for the B.I.S. to be agreed upon by the student, the B.I.S. honors representative, and faculty advisors. Honors candidates are encouraged to participate, when appropriate, in the departmental honors programs of the departments in which they have concentrations.

3. A senior project approved as an honors project is required for *cum laude*. Candidates for *magna cum laude* and *summa cum laude* must complete an acceptable honors thesis, approved by three faculty readers. Students must register for a minimum of two semester credits for the thesis through a directed study or directed research registration with the primary faculty reader. If the student's areas of concentration in the B.I.S. program are thematically interrelated, the thesis must be an interdisciplinary project drawing on all the areas in the program. If the B.I.S. consists of unrelated concentrations, the thesis must be in one of the areas. In this case one reader must be from outside the academic area represented by the thesis. All three faculty readers must approved an honors thesis approval in advance. When appropriate, the committee chair and the B.I.S. Program coordinator will convene the committee to determine expectations for the project before it is undertaken. Ordinarily, a draft of the project should be submitted to the primary reader at least one month before the deadline for submission of the final project.

4. One additional honors opportunity which may or may not be included in the major.

*Detailed information on the requirements for graduation with honors from the College of Liberal Arts Junior-Senior Honors Program is available at the CLA Honors Web Site: [http://www.cla.umn.edu/honors](http://www.cla.umn.edu/honors). Printed descriptions are available from the Honors Office, 115 Johnston Hall.*