

Proposal for Program of Distinction in _____
(Department)

To accompany the new Renée Crown University Honors Program at Syracuse University, we propose that the University institute the option of departmental distinction for students who demonstrate exceptional achievement in specific disciplines. Students should be able to earn departmental distinction in addition to university honors, but the achievement of university honors need not automatically confer departmental distinction.

All students receiving departmental distinction must have a minimum GPA in the major department, as set by that department awarding honors and a cumulative GPA of 3.4 by the end of the senior year. To confer departmental distinction, departments and programs must develop clear criteria that exceed the expectations for a capstone experience required of all majors. The same thesis project may be used both to earn departmental distinction and to fulfill the thesis requirement of university honors, but it must meet the separate requirements of each program.

Requirements for Distinction in Department: _____

MINIMUM IN DEPARTMENT GPA _____

CUMULATIVE GPA, BY END OF SENIOR YEAR _____ (MINIMUM 3.4)

OTHER _____

CRITERIA REQUIRED FOR THE DISTINCTION THAT EXCEEDS THE EXPECTATIONS FOR A CAPSTONE EXPERIENCE REQUIRED OF ALL MAJORS.

Department Chair Signature

Date