

ATTENTION ALL SOPHOMORES: Your Writing Portfolio needs to be submitted to Jeremy Hoyt in the Dean's Office by Friday May 6, 2011

WHO HAS TO SUBMIT A WRITING PORTFOLIO?

This requirement applies to every student who is coming to the end of his or her second year of enrollment at the Honors College, but is not graduating this year.

WHAT IS A WRITING PORTFOLIO?

The Writing Portfolio consists of your Forum papers (which the Dean's Office already has on file) and ONE ESSAY THAT YOU SUBMIT TO THE DEAN'S OFFICE. This essay must meet the following four requirements:

- it must have been written during your first or second years at the HC
- it should be a scholarly essay that demonstrates your ability to incorporate evidence from secondary sources and/or analyze a primary text.
- if possible, it should have your professor's comments on it; if you don't have the graded copy, a clean copy is also acceptable.
- it should be at least five (5) pages in length

WHAT DO I DO IF I HAVE NOT WRITTEN AN ESSAY THAT MEETS THESE CRITERIA BY THE END OF YOUR SECOND YEAR AT THE HONORS COLLEGE?

If you have not written an essay that meets these criteria by the end of your second year at the honors college, please email Hilary Edwards at hedward3@fau.edu to let her know. Please include in your email a list of all the courses you've taken (including course number, course title and the name of the professor) during your time at the HC.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I DON'T TURN IN MY WRITING PORTFOLIO BY FRIDAY MAY 6?

Your advisor will not be able to lift your advising hold for the next registration period (i.e. registration for Spring 2012) until you submit your portfolio, so it is crucial that you do so.

WHY DO I HAVE TO SUBMIT A WRITING PORTFOLIO?

The point of the Writing Portfolio is to ensure that you are prepared to write the Honors Thesis in your senior year. A faculty committee will review all student portfolios over the summer and provide feedback as to whether your writing is progressing at a level that will allow you to successfully complete an Honors Thesis in your senior year, or whether you will need to do additional coursework in writing in your junior year in order to strengthen your writing before embarking on the thesis project.

WHOM SHOULD I CONTACT IF I HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PORTFOLIO OR THE SUBMISSION PROCESS?

Please contact Dr. Hilary Edwards at hedward3@fau.edu with any questions you may have.