What is the Research Option?

- Longer-term research opportunity
  - 3+ semesters
- Culminates in a research thesis
- Help our best students to do more in-depth work
Minimum Requirements

- Proposal (specific content)
- Nine hours of research
  - Credit or pay
    - Must be on transcript
  - 6 of 9 hours on same project (thesis project)
  - Over 2, preferably 3 semesters
  - One senior seminar in HTS (40XX) counts as part of requirement
- LCC 4701: Undergraduate Research Proposal Writing (1-hour)
- LCC 4702: Undergraduate Research Thesis Writing (1-hour)
- Thesis/Major Paper
Why Should Students Complete the Research Option?

- True preparation for graduate school
- More intensive research experience
- Additional opportunities to present work or submit to professional journals
- Exposure to “cycles” of research
  - Idea generation
  - Proposal
  - Actual project
  - Final paper, publication, presentation
Intent Form

Students at any stage of preparation should submit an online intent form at:

http://undergradresearch.gatech.edu/intentForm/intentForm.php

- Notification goes to both UROP and the points of contact within the unit
- Necessary before permits granted

Submit early!
LCC 4701: Undergraduate Research Proposal Writing

- Guides students through the proposal-writing process
- Small interdisciplinary classes (15-17)
- Content includes:
  - Planning in research,
  - Literature review and databases,
  - research and documentation,
  - prose style and editing, etc.
- When to take? During 1\textsuperscript{st} or 2\textsuperscript{nd} semester of research
- Product = Proposal and approval from unit
- Approvals will be obtained from students around 1 month before exam week

Online sample syllabus at:
http://undergradresearch.gatech.edu/research_option/
Research Proposal

- 3 main areas to include:
  - Literature review
  - Description of research problem and its importance
  - Work plan and schedule (targets)

- See handout & online information

- Should be written during 1\textsuperscript{st} or early in 2\textsuperscript{nd} semester of research

- Content should cover the entire project, not just the final semester’s work
LCC 4702: Undergraduate Research Thesis Writing

- Guides students through the thesis-writing process
- Small interdisciplinary classes (8-12)
- Content includes:
  - Document design and organization,
  - Prose style and editing,
  - Peer review, and
  - Oral presentation,
- Pre-requisite: LCC 4701 and at least 3 hours of research
- Product = Final Thesis

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