Rubric for assessing Honors Thesis proposals in the social and natural sciences	Requirement
Abstract	The abstract should concisely present the topic/the question being studied/the method to be used/brief prediction/hypothesis
Project description section	Briefly state what this project is all about (a few lines or a paragraph at most)
Background/lit review (in **previous work section before** describing the work directly leading to this study in the lab you are working in)	Give enough information to allow understanding of the topic and GENERALLY where further understanding of the topic is required.
Significance	(**Placed either before or after the previous work section**) Should succinctly point out WHY this area of study is important.
Previous work done in your mentors lab/ Hypotheses AND Predictions (after the lit review/background in **the previous work** section)	Should describe how the work that you are doing was developed by previous studies in your mentors lab, or if this is a new project, how it was developed with your mentor. From this: What is your hypothesis about the results of your impending study. From this hypothesis, what are your particular predictions (These can turn out to be unsubstantiated so don't worry about that!)
Methods (**Proposed methodology section)**	Clearly describe how the experiment will be done. Include a description of the statistics you will use. Include a timeline for completion of the experiments.
Reference section	Include all the most relevant references