The Honors proposal explains the specific focus of your proposed Honors Project and gives a rationale for that project. More information about Honors Projects can be found here and in the email sent to all senior majors on 4 August, 2020. Even if you do not have a confirmed faculty advisor, you may submit a proposal. It’s a good idea to have a faculty mentor review a draft of your proposal in advance of submitting it!

What to include:
The proposal includes 1) a narrative description of the project of approximately 1000 words (2 single-spaced pages); 2) a bibliography of selected sources; and 3) an unofficial transcript.

1) The narrative proposal typically includes following:
   a. Research Focus and Description
   State your research question or problem, or the specific topic of your Honors project as clearly as you can. You may also discuss the theoretical and/or methodological approaches you plan to use.
   b. Relevance and significance of the proposed research question or topic
   Explain how the proposed project relates to and/or makes a contribution to the broader scholarly literature. This will convey the intellectual significance of the project.
   c. Feasibility/scope of the proposed project.
   Explain how your previous academic courses, library research, primary ethnographic or archaeological research, and/or intellectual, practical, or personal background prepare you to carry out this project.

2. The bibliography may include sources that you have cited in the proposal and/or those that you have consulted or plan to consult for the project. You may divide the bibliography into sections if you wish. You do not have to make this an exhaustive list. Rather this should give faculty members a sense of the kinds of scholarly literature that you will be able to draw upon to carry out your project.

3. An unofficial transcript listing courses either by subject or by semester will aid the committee in determining the honors committee for those proposals that move forward.

How to submit:
Please submit as a single Word or PDF document to Lori Brackett (lbracket@bowdoin.edu) by 11:59 PM on September 4, 2020.

If you have questions:
If you have questions about Honors or Independent Study projects or procedures, please contact Department Chair, Professor Krista Van Vleet (kanvlee@bowdoin.edu) or Department Coordinator, Lori Brackett (lbracket@bowdoin.edu). If you have questions about your specific project, you may also talk with any department member.