

2024

“Thinking Matters”

Senior Projects in the
College of Arts and Sciences

The Senior Project

Drawing on liberal study in the College's program of General Education and the knowledge and skills learned through a major curriculum, each senior undertakes a project appropriate to her or his field of study: an original research paper, an empirical study, development and analysis of a predictive model, a report on a laboratory experiment or field observation, gallery exhibition, a stage presentation, a computer program, a community-based project, or creative work.

Depending on disciplinary expectations, students might design their own research projects or, in other cases, join an ongoing faculty research project. In some cases, students who have pursued two majors might design one project that satisfies the capstone requirement in both majors simultaneously; in other cases, they might complete one senior project for each major. Faculty advisors mentor students in developing, researching, and producing the final project.

While disciplines in the College approach the Senior Project in different ways, the goal is to demonstrate applied, imaginative, and/or critical problem-solving. To do so, students use skills of close reading, careful observation, critical analysis, and persuasive writing and speaking to complete projects of their choosing. Students have the opportunity to present their work at the Stetson Undergraduate Research and Creative Arts Showcase in the spring. Many seniors also present their work at conferences or publish with their faculty advisors in professional journals. Successfully completing the Senior Project is a capstone experience for all students in the College.

Thinking Matters December 2023 – May 2024 Graduates

Jordan Alexander

Procrastination and Academic Performance in College Students

Sophia Auvil

Pornography and Harmful Attitudes Towards Women: An Updated Meta-Analysis

Ashley Baccus

Does Social Media Use Affect College Students' Mental Well-being?

Sarah Booth

Personality, Fear of Death, and Willingness to Follow Health Preventative Measures

Cassandra Bradley

Gods and Ghosts in the Air: Investigating Infrasound and Religiosity Through Meditation

Gabriella Carlson

The effectiveness of music interventions for children and adolescents with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder: An Updated Meta-Analysis

Elizabeth Castillo

Acculturation and Its Effects on Mental Health: Levels of Anxiety and Depression

Kylah Collins

Parental Divorce and Young Adult Romantic Relationships

Jordan Cruz

The Effects of School-Based Interventions for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder: An Updated Meta-Analysis

Jadielyn Cruz-Bianchi

Adverse Childhood Experiences, Psychopathic Traits, and Criminal Behavior

Elizabeth D'Addio

The Relationship Between Social Anxiety and Exclusion in College Students

Kara DellaRocco

The Impact of External Factors on College Students' Well-Being: A Look Into Disability, On-Campus Living, Sexual Orientation, and Drug Use

Katrina Early

Depression and Music Consumption: The Relationship Between Music Genres and Mental Health

Richelle Eastridge

Analyzing the Relationship Between Distance of Occupational Migration and Mental Health in Military Members

Elodie Foster

Modifiable Lifestyle Factors Associated with Cognitive Functioning Amongst College Students

Alexis Garas

Stress and Eating Habits in College Students

Audrey Gauthier

The Relationship Between Executive Function and Academic Procrastination

Marshall Golick

Investigating Differences in Memory and Reaction Time Among College Athletes

Sarah Grimmett

Childhood Experiences Impact on Deviant Behaviors

Brendan Guillen

Hunger in Higher Education: A Comparison of International and National Students in the U.S.

Grace Henslee

The Relationship Between Motivation and Burnout in Athletes: How Perfectionism is a Moderator

Grace Herzog

The Relationship Between Parenting Style and Academic Major Satisfaction as Moderated by Student Autonomy

Robbi Jones

Parent Education influencing Anxiety and Depression in College Students

Jenna Kotschessa

The Stressful Effects of Academic Performance on Mental Health

Grace Kushner

COVID-19's Long-lasting Affects On Olfaction

Alecsa Laca

Music and Its Influence on People's Emotions in Their Daily Lives

Gwenivere Macedo

Personality Traits, Crisis Response, and the Moderating Impact of Locus of Control

Shardae Madison

Childhood maltreatment and adult suicidality: An Updated Meta-Analysis

Alana Martinez

Anxiety, Confidence, and Accuracy in Eyewitness Identification

Brianna McCarthy

ADHD Moderating the Relationship Between Rates of Self-Esteem and Academic Achievement in College Students

Kaylee Medina

The Relationship between Parenting Style and Attachment Type on Altruistic Behavior

Janetlin Mendoza

The Predictor Variables of Self-Esteem and Locus of Control and Their Role in Determining Resilience

Tess Menten

The Difference in Stress Levels Between Team and Individual Sport Athletes

McLayne Mezrah

Influence of Sex and Gender on Sexual, Political, and Social Misinformation

Andrea Mingo

Chronic Medical Conditions and Mental Health in College Students

Emma Nash

Optimal Cut-off Score for Diagnosing Depression with the Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-9): An Updated Meta-Analysis

Gianna Niemeier

The Relationship Between Biological Sex, Physical Activity, and Stress

Cameron Norton

Stress and Academic Performance

Catherine Nunes

Predicting Counterproductive Academic Behaviors with Moral Foundations and the Dark Triad

Mira Lea Piepenbrink

A Social Exchange Perspective on Work Behavior and the Dark Triad: An Updated Meta-Analysis

Amaris Rivera

Perceived Familial Obligations of Individuals with Immigrant Parents

Chloe Robinson

The Effectiveness of Assertive Community Treatment for Homeless Populations with Severe Mental Illness: An Updated Meta-Analysis

Cyrus Rushton

Patient Decision Aids for Prostate Cancer Treatment: An Updated Meta-Analysis

Noureen Saeed

The Role of CHD7 in the Manifestation of Neuropsychiatric Symptoms in Alzheimer's Disease

Juliana Schumacher

How Does Being Labeled Deviant Influence Mental Health

Cayla Skeete

Social Media Marketing Campaigns to Reduce Mental Health Stigma Across Races

Kelly Small

Examining Exercise as a Moderator in the Relationship Between Social Support and Stress Among College Students

Kaitlyn Stroud

Understanding and Affirming LGBTQ+ Identities: Exploring the LGBTQ+ Knowledge and Attitudes of University Students

Hanna Swidler

Time on Social Media Relationship with Body Satisfaction

Taylor Tantaquidgeon

Adverse Childhood Trauma Effects on Attachment Style

Madeline Turnbull

First Impressions of Autistic Adults by Those With Psychological Disorders

Chloe Washington

Collegiate Athlete Wellbeing and Perceived Athletic Performance

Iyona Wesley

Relationship Between Attachment Style and Loneliness Among Undergraduate Students.

Macie Whiteside

Childhood Violence Exposure and Academic Anxiety

Roderick Williams

The Impact of Physical Activity on College Students' Academic Performance

Melanie Wright

Sex differences in the ability to recognize non-verbal displays of emotion: An Updated Meta-Analysis

Evelyn Wysong

The Effects of Political Commentary on Aggression, Political Tolerance, and Political Polarization