Checklist for Revising Honors Papers

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Introduction
- Does the introduction state the topic and explain why it is important?
- Does it state the research question it hopes to answer or the hypothesis it hopes to test?
- Does it state the main finding(s) or thesis of your paper?
- Does it end with a preview of your paper's organization and contents?

Literature Review (may be part of the introduction or may be in a section of its own)
- Does the literature review begin with an overall assessment of the literature?
- Does the review identify the study or studies that your paper is most closely related to, and does it discuss the merits and shortcomings of those studies?
- Does the review identify a gap or problem with the literature and explain how your paper will fill that gap or address that problem?
- Does the review explain how your paper differs from the related studies?

Data (if applicable)
- Does the data section identify and describe the source of the data, as well as explain why that data source was used?
- Does the data section identify any caveats or issues with the data that may affect the study's findings?

Methodology/Model/Estimation Technique (if applicable)
- Does the model section identify and describe the model, as well as explain why that model was used?
- Does the model section identify any caveats or issues with the model or methodology that may affect the study's findings?
- Do you explain the theory behind the model and the variables that are included?

Results/Case Studies, etc.
- Are the main results identified as such?
- Are any unusual or surprising results identified, as well as any results that conform to expectations (such as results on the control variables)?
- Are the results compared with the results of previous studies?
- Are the results interpreted? Do you comment on not only the sign and significance of the results, but the magnitude as well?

Conclusion
- Does the conclusion restate the research question and the main contribution and findings of the paper?
- Does it remind readers of the limitations of the study?
- Does it indicate lines for future research?
- Does it identify broader implications of the study (e.g., policy implications)?