

HONORS-BY-CONTRACT (revised 10-08-2007)

Academic term: Fall ___ Spring ___ Summer ___ Year: _____

Course Abbreviation and #: _____ Course Title: _____

Number of course units: _____

NOTE: NO MORE THAN TWO HONORS-BY-CONTRACT UNITS MAY COUNT TOWARDS COMPLETION OF THE HONORS PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS. This contract should be submitted by the end of the first week of classes. Any change in this timing must be approved by the Coordinator.

THE COLLEGE HONORS PROGRAM
HONORS CONTRACT FORM, PART 1

Copies to: 1. Honors Program 2. Professor 3. Student

Student information:

Name: _____ ID# _____

E-Mail address: _____ Phone: _____

Campus or local address _____

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE

Instructor information:

Name: _____ Department: _____

E-Mail address: _____ Office phone: _____

INSTRUCTOR'S SIGNATURE

HONORS COORDINATOR'S
SIGNATURE

The instructor and the student agree to the following terms in order for the student to receive Honors credit for this course.

On a separate sheet (1) describe the work to be completed under the contract and how it enhances or differs from the normal work in the course and (2) indicate the learning objectives associated with the enhanced work and how will they be measured.

THE COLLEGE HONORS PROGRAM
HONORS CONTRACT FORM, PART 2

To be submitted to the Honors Program by the instructor at the end of the course.

Student's name: _____ ID# _____
Course abbreviation and #: _____ Course Title: _____
Academic term of contract: Fall ___ Spring ___ Summer ___ Year: _____

Did the student named above satisfactorily complete the terms of Part 1 of the Honors Contract?

Yes _____ No _____

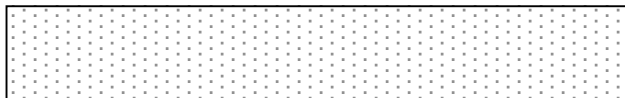
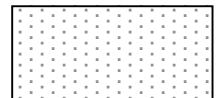
Student grade for course: _____

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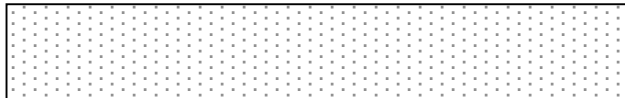
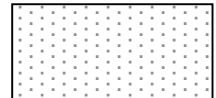
Instructor's Name (please print or type): _____

DATE

INSTRUCTOR'S SIGNATURE

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HONORS COORDINATOR'S
SIGNATURE

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Honors-by-Contract allows a student to complete a traditional course for Honors credit, when the student and professor together agree to a set of enhancements in research (or performance) that raise the demands placed on the student to the Honors level. The enhancements proposed should bring added depth to the students' understanding and appreciation of topics introduced in, or substantively linked to, the traditional course in which the student is enrolled. The Honors-by-Contract option provides an opportunity for independent learning and directed research. A student who is working on an Honors-by-Contract project should (1) seek to synthesize a body of knowledge within the chosen academic field and/or (2) seek to advance original research in that field. A student who has completed a course under Honors-by-Contract shall have come to possess a level of expertise sufficient for functioning as a teaching assistant for part of a class session. Ideally (and only when both appropriate and feasible from a pedagogical perspective), the student shall present the outcome of his/her work to the class as a whole.

The proposal for Honors-by-Contract is a plan for independent learning or research. The proposal should include: (1) an initial reading list, (2) a general schedule for periodic one-on-one meetings with the professor, and (3) a clear description of the suitably refined research, or study, product which shall mark the culmination of the project.

Since Honors-by-Contract is not limited to any one school or to any one department, it is impractical to offer a rigid set of requirements. Recent successful proposals include:

- (Chemistry) A project aimed at developing a business plan for a company working on the sustainable production of carbohydrate feed stocks.
- (Art) A literature review and class presentation on 'Exotic Romanticism.'
- (Engineering) A project in compliant mechanics, including the design of a catamaran, a written report and a class presentation.

The Coordinator of the Honors Program shall evaluate each proposal for Honors-by-Contract, on an individual basis.