

HONORS BY CONTRACT (revised 06-10-13)

Academic term: Fall___ Spring___ Maymester___ SSI___ SSII___ January-term___
Year _____

Course Abbreviation and #: _____ Course Title: _____

Honors Requirement to be filled: Religion/Philosophy___ Global___ or Gen Honors___

NOTE: No more than two HBC units may count towards completion of the Honors Program requirements. Additionally, only 200 level and higher courses may be taken as HBC, and only full-time faculty can supervise HBC. Exceptions might be considered on a case-by-case basis; students must make a clear case for an exception in the proposal by the deadline. This contract proposal must be submitted by 4pm on Friday of the fourth (full or partial) week of classes. Late proposals will not be considered. Once approved, this contract may be cancelled by the coordinator (in consultation with the instructor), if it is determined that the student’s progress in the course or in the HBC research project is not advancing at a level which is consistent with the overall standards of the College Honors Program.

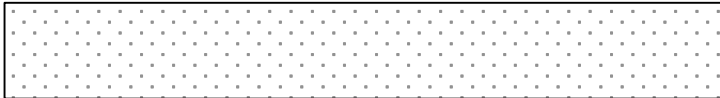
THE COLLEGE HONORS
PROGRAM HONORS CONTRACT
FORM, PART 1

Student information:

Circle One: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Name: _____ ID# _____

E-mail address: _____ Phone: _____
STUDENT’S SIGNATURE

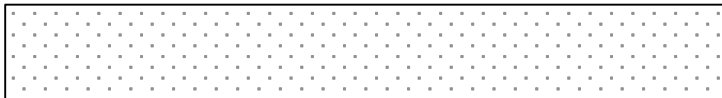


Instructor information:

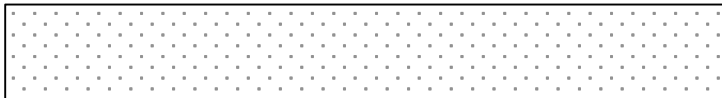
Name: _____ Department: _____

E-mail address: _____ 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.

Attach as a separate sheet your (typed) proposal following the guidelines outlined on last page of this document.

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: Fall___ Spring___ Maymester___ SSI___ SSII___ January-term___

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

Yes _____ No _____

Student grade for course: _____

Comments:

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

INSTRUCTOR'S SIGNATURE

HONORS COORDINATOR'S
SIGNATURE

DATE

What is Honors-by-Contract?

HBC 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 (as a very rough guideline, an Honors course should be approximately 120% of the level of work or intensity of a regular course). 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 HBC option provides an opportunity for independent learning and directed research. A student who is working on an HBC 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 HBC 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.

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 History) 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 Honors-by-Contract Proposal:

The HBC proposal is a plan for independent learning or research. The student and professor should meet to discuss the activities to be carried out; the student should then type up a 1-2 page proposal and send it to the professor for review. The proposal must include: (1) a clear description of the project, including how it goes above and beyond the regular coursework, (2) a clear description of the product (paper, presentation, etc.) which shall mark the culmination of the project (3) an initial reading list or research agenda, and (4) a general schedule for periodic one-on-one meetings with the professor. Once the professor has approved the proposal, the student should append that proposal to the signed form (page 1) and submit it to 109 Green Hall. It is due by the Friday of the 4th week of classes during fall and spring semesters, and 1 week before the start of any of the summer sessions or J-terms. The Coordinator of the Honors Program shall evaluate each proposal for Honors-by-Contract, on an individual basis.