

Honors Contract Courses

To: Course Faculty

From: Honors College

An Honors student in your class wants to contract your course to receive Honors credit, helping the student fulfill their Honors program requirements. Students requesting this contract component should be expected to take more responsibility for the learning experience; they should learn the subject in greater depth, and they should be able to discuss and write about the subject with greater precision than would be expected in a regular undergraduate course.

The Honors Project

Should you agree to help the student contract the course, you should work together to create an additional project the student will complete during the course. The project you and the student devise should be in addition to all the regular work assignments in the course. The project should be of an amount equal to at least one full grade in the course.

Contract Course Grading

The grade for the contract project should not be factored in to the student's overall course grade. Instead, it will earn a separate grade. At the end of the semester, the Honors College office will reach out to you for this grade. If the student earns a B or better for the project, they will earn Honors credit for your course. Their Honors GPA will not change based on the grade the student earns for the project, but instead based on the grade the student receives in the course itself.

How to Contract the Course

If you are willing to work with the student, please help the student identify a project and proofread their contract project application.

The Honors College believes that this individualized learning experience can greatly enhance a student's education.

We thank you for your interest and cooperation on this very worthwhile endeavor.