

Dear Faculty

Thank you for helping our students with their Honors coursework! You are a critical part of our program. The Honors student should have talked to you about contracting your class for Honors credit. While Faculty are under no obligation to add honors contracts to their courses, we greatly appreciate your willingness to consider their proposal.

What is an Honors Contract?

The Honors Contract is an independent project designed to complement course work. Students might do additional research; develop an in-class presentation; participate in ongoing faculty research; complete supplemental reading and report on the results; or undertake a supplemental performance or studio project. Applied, experience based projects are most welcome. Contract projects typically produce a tangible final product—written, performed, or exhibited—that can be evaluated at the conclusion of the semester.

The Honors College gives faculty the authority to create Honors Contracts. Contracts typically can be characterized as:

- Specific – Details of exactly what is to be done
- Measurable – Criteria for determining output
- Relevant – Appropriate to the course and course level.
- Beneficial – Develop knowledge/skills or enhance application of knowledge/skills

Include at least one Honors College goal:

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| Develop High Level Critical Thinking Skills | Develop High Order Communication Skills |
| Develop Digital Literacies | Develop Citizenship and Service |
| Develop Leadership capacities | Develop the Research Literacies |
| Develop Global Perspectives | Create Opportunities for Experiential Learning |

How are Honors contracts credited? Students are enrolled in the regular course and those who satisfy the contract requirements receive Honors College credit.

What are the student responsibilities? Students should meet as appropriate with their supervising instructors to report on progress toward completing their projects. At the end of the semester, students should submit a final report to their supervising instructor.