



Honors Contract Option Course

Contracting for Honors credit is an option students may use to complete Honors level work in a non-Honors course and receive Honors credit. It entails an agreement between the student and the course instructor, and is monitored by the Honors Program. When the course is successfully completed with a grade of A or B and the terms of the contract are fulfilled to the satisfaction of the mentoring professor, the student receives Honors credit.

The success of the contract approach to honors work is directly related to the quality of the relationship between mentoring instructor and Honors student. Therefore, regular meetings to discuss the proposed Honors work as well as related concepts and materials are highly desirable. These meetings may be scheduled during regular faculty office hours. If multiple students are fulfilling an Honors Contract in the course, it is strongly recommended that they meet as a group, in person and/or on-line, as frequently as possible.

Other guidelines for Honors Contracts are as follows:

1. Requirements for honors contract should
 - a. Promote academic excellence.
 - b. Encourage and challenge students to fulfill their potentials and abilities.
 - c. Recognize and foster exceptional abilities and talents.
 - d. Emphasize critical thinking, written and oral communication.
 - e. Culminate with some kind of product that demonstrates the quality and content of the Honors project. This product need not be a paper, but can be a videotape, portfolio, or other concrete expression of the student's accomplishment.
2. The contract should clearly demonstrate how the Honors component complements the existing course syllabus, yet takes the Honors student beyond established requirements without simply adding work for the sake of work. Tasks involving critical thinking, creative problem solving, and application of skills and knowledge are expected.
3. If the student is unable or unwilling to complete the Honors Contract, the final grade will be based on evaluation of the standard requirements for the course.
4. The Honors Contract should include some form of presentation of the student's work to the class.

Honors Contract Option Registration of Intent to Offer Honors Credit

Faculty Name _____
Course _____

- All students earning Honors Credit within an existing course must agree to meet with the instructor on a regular basis throughout the semester (number of meetings determined by the faculty member) and be willing to present the results of the Honors work to the class.
- Please check the type of Honors assignment/project you will offer in your course. If more than one selection is listed, i.e. Science/Math, circle one.
- Return form to Bob Hathaway (English) email, robert.hathaway@century.edu

_____ Additional analysis papers/creative writing project

_____ Art piece or performance piece

_____ Extensive Service Learning project*

_____ Field research and report

_____ Scholarly research paper

_____ Science/math project

_____ Technology/media project

_____ Other –be creative!

**“Extensive Service Learning” means a project beyond the 10 hour minimum plus an in-depth reflection paper.*

**STUDENT HONORS CONTRACT OPTION
REGISTRATION:**

Course: _____

Faculty Mentor: _____

I have discussed the Honors Contract Option with my faculty mentor and agree to the terms of the Honors project, including meetings with my faculty mentor to discuss my progress and a presentation of my completed work to the class.

NAME _____ DATE _____