

# DRURY UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM

## Honors Option Contract

### PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Semester: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Course Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Course Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_

### Statement of Honors Option Contract:

To receive credit for this course, the student will fulfill the following requirements listed below. Please write complete sentences and give enough detail to offer a picture of the project. You might include the process of exploration, the scope of work, the format of the finished product (class presentation, research paper, PowerPoint, sculpture) the subject of the project, the outside readings, etc.

### Note to Student:

You are responsible for completing the work as stated above. You will receive honors credit for the course after final grades are submitted. You will receive this credit only if the instructor reports that your project is satisfactory.

### Note to Instructor:

The Honors office will keep a record of all honors option projects being completed during a semester. At the end of the semester, the honors assistant will ask for a grade of S or U on projects you are supervising. The student will only receive honors credit for a grade of S.

### General:

- *Completion:* The project is to be completed by the end of the semester
- *Withdrawal:* Students are discouraged from withdrawing from honors options. Deadline for withdrawal from an option is the same date as the last day to withdraw from classes.
- *Meetings:* The student will meet with the instructor approximately every \_\_\_\_\_.
- *Credit Hours:* This contract is for \_\_\_\_ credit hours (same as credit for the class).
- *Academic Integrity:* Will the research or creative projects associated with this honors contract be submitted to any other course? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_. If yes, then the signatures of both instructors is needed.

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Signature of the Honors Student

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Date

## How to Arrange an Honors Option

The honors option allows honors students to take a non-honors class for honors credit. Students who add an honors option to a class must design a research or creative project under the direction of that class's instructor. Thus the option challenges students to become independent researchers in a manner that is not always possible in a regular class setting.

Students who want to add an honors option to a class should ideally get in touch with the instructor before the start of the semester, but definitely no later than the end of the first week of class. The student should suggest an idea for a project or ask the instructor for ideas. In either case, the instructor may need to lend some guidance in arriving at a workable proposal. Listed below are examples of the kind of work that might be suitable for an honors option.

- analyze the works of a given group of philosophers;
- compile an annotated bibliography on a specific topic;
- view and analyze films on a particular subject, for example, early and late films of a Shakespeare play, such as *Hamlet*;
- conduct experiments in the area of robotics, chemistry, or biology (the physics of a guitar; growth-factor gene in zebra fish, fruit fly gene, etc)
- research a topic and write a paper using primary sources;
- teach a unit or topic to the class;
- prepare a paper to present at a student conference--discipline-based, the National Collegiate Honors Conference, or the Great Plains Honors Conference;
- conduct oral interviews on a specific topic and present findings in video or oral presentation.

A student who wants to add an honors option to a class should do the following:

- discuss with the instructor the possibility of adding an honors option;
- decide with the faculty member what the project will entail;
- submit the proposal on the honors option form;
- provide all the information that is requested;
- obtain the appropriate signatures;
- return the form to Richard Schur in 316 Pearsons Hall by the end of the second week of the semester.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with the honors director at [rschur@drury.edu](mailto:rschur@drury.edu) or 873-6834.