



Honors Contracts

What is an Honors Contract?

Turn a regular section of a class into an Honors Learning Experience

- Extend your knowledge of a class topic
- Connect class topics to your major or a passion
- Expand on a class assignment



Honors Contract Benefits

- Customize your Honors Learning
- Expand your knowledge on a topic
- Collaborate with faculty
- Mentoring and networking



Honors Contract Process

Contracts

Completed in a class you are already taking

Establish at the beginning of the semester

15 hours over the course of the semester

Contract does not impact grade in class

General Education/Major/Minor/Your choice



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Getting Started

Use your Creative Productivity.

You're not limited to writing a paper.

Is there a certain end product you have in mind?



Honors Contracts: Potential Product Ideas

Products that Leverage Auditory and/or Verbal Skills	Products that Utilize Visual Skills	Products that Maximize Tactile-Kinesthetic Skills
Advice column	Advertisement	Activity plan
Assessment tool	Animation	Book talk/poetry slam
Audio recording	Billboard	Bulletin board
Autobiography	Blueprint	Character sketch
Blog	Book jacket	Coding
Book/booklet	Book trailer/movie trailer	Composing music
Book review/critique	Brochure	Dance
Commentary	Collage	Data collection/entry
Critical paper	Comic book/comic strip	Demonstration
Debate or panel discussion	Costume	Dramatization
Dialogue	Diagram	Exhibit
Documentary	Drawing or painting	Experiment
Editorial	Flow chart	Field experience
Essay	Flyer	Flip book
Experiment	Glog	Flip chart
Family tree	Graphic organizer	Game
Finding patterns	Infographic	• Concrete or digital
Glossary	Illustrated manual	How-to book
Interview	Illustrations	Invention
Journal	Marketing proposal	Jigsaw puzzle
Lesson plan/unit	Magazine	Manipulatives
Letter	Map	Mobile
Magazine article	Multimedia product	Model
• Primary or secondary language	• PowerPoint, Prezi, etc.	Newscast
Monologue	Mural	Papier-mâché
Newspaper article/edition	Pamphlet	Performance
Oral report/review	Photobiography	• Reader's Theater, recital, etc.
Parody	Picture dictionary	Photograph
Pattern and instructions	Pinterest board(s)	Play or skit
Petition	Political cartoon	Pop-up book
Podcast	Portfolio	Prototype
• Fiction, informational, satirical, etc.	Poster	Reader's Theater
Position paper	Rebus story	Rhythmic pattern
Questionnaire	Scrapbook	Scale drawing
Reading	Timeline	Scavenger hunt
Scavenger hunt	Travelogue	Sculpture
Screencast	Video	Set design
Script/screenplay	Website	Simulation
Song lyrics	WebQuest	Survey
Speech	Word cloud	Televised broadcast
Story or poem	Wordless book	
Survey		
Teaching a lesson		
TED talk		
Written report		

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Getting Started

- Look for topics in your syllabi that you are passionate about or that you would enjoy investigating.
- What are some “gaps” in your resume?
- Identify an exceptional course instructor with whom you hope to collaborate.



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Good to know....

- **Start early!**
- Prepare for a conversation with your instructor.
- Suggest an idea unique to your interests and aspirations.
- Some instructors, for various reasons, might be unavailable to collaborate.



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- Submit the Honors Contract form by the deadline.
- The Honors Program reviews for clarity and completeness.
No news is good news.
- You and your instructor receive a copy.

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Please read the information below carefully. Questions may be directed to [Stuart Palmer](#).

Fall Honors Contracts are due by 11:59 pm on Tuesday, September 13, 2022.

[Honors Contract Form](#)

Purpose

Honors Contracts are established at the beginning of each semester. Students should review the Honors Contract Resources provided above in order to be knowledgeable about the process.

1. Review the syllabi from your classes and determine which class would provide the best opportunity in which to complete an Honors Contract.
2. Develop ideas for possible topics, outcomes, or products for your Honors Contract.
3. Schedule a meeting with your instructor to discuss your ideas and options for an Honors Contract.
4. Either with your instructor or after you've met, complete and submit the Honors Contract Form by the deadline noted above.

Resources

[Honors Contract Form](#) [Process Overview](#) [Honors Contract Presentation](#)



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- Connect to one or more of the Dimensions of Honors Learning
- Plan one or more meetings with your instructor to discuss your progress and seek feedback.

Dimensions of Honors Learning

The Illinois State University Honors Program is guided by a framework that challenges each learner, regardless of major, to strengthen six marketable skills.



Critical Thinking

Go beyond your initial understanding to evaluate and make your own conclusions about what you are learning.



Interdisciplinary Learning

Discover how what you are learning relates to other fields and the world around you.



Information Fluency

Gain skills in evaluating, creating, and utilizing information and technology across various formats and platforms.



Creative Productivity

Show your understanding by creating something unique. Go outside the box to make your ideas a reality.



Leadership Development

Identify and enhance your leadership skills through collaboration with others to make a difference.



Cultural Intelligence

Understand how culture and context influence people's views and learn to value, adapt to, and interact with diverse populations.



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End of the semester

Honors Program	Students	Instructors
Contact instructors for confirmation of completion of Contracts.	Submit final products to instructors.	Evaluate final products.
Contact students with form to reflect on the experience.	Submit reflection form.	Confirm completion of Honors Contracts.
Note Contract courses as “Honors” on transcripts.	Keep a record of the contract for future reference.	Comment on final products.