



Honors Contract examples in:
Accounting

The following are examples of previous contracts that represent how you can expand your learning in various Accounting courses:

ACC 233: Federal Income Taxation

Participate in a small group book club. Select a book related to class content and meet with peers to discuss your thoughts and reflections.

ACC 271: Introduction to Business Analytics

Investigate business analytics in the social media industry by looking into the methods, technology, and tools used by the industry. Use your findings to create an educational handout or presentation for the class.

ACC 334: Advanced Tax

Explore tax through a literary lens by reading *Taxing Ourselves* by Joel Slemord and Jon Bkja and writing a reflection on how the book connects to course content.

ACC 337: Advanced Financial Accounting

Create a series of weekly blog postings that relate to each week's class content. Distribute your postings to fellow classmates.



Honors Contract examples in:
Agriculture

The following are examples of previous contracts that represent how you can expand your learning in various Agriculture courses:

AGR 120: Introductory Horticulture

Research the best methods for raising your favorite houseplant. Put your findings into practice by raising your own based on what you learned. Create a scrapbook of photos and captions to document your experience.

AGR 203: Agriculture and the Environment

Create an info-graphic showcasing how genetically modified organisms effect the environment. Facilitate a discussion with classmates that investigates the debate between whether GMO's have a positive or negative environmental effect.

AGR 275: Introduction to Animal Nutrition

Investigate different species of predatory birds and learn about their nutritional requirements and digestive anatomy. Compare nutritional requirements of predatory birds to domesticated animals such as cattle, swine, and poultry.

AGR 285: Meat Science

Create a card game that focuses on the qualities of meat discussed in class to educate participants on the meat industry and the challenges it faces. Educate on qualities that are desirable in the various cuts of meat and how it translates to what's on their plate at dinner time.



Honors Contract examples in:
Anthropology

The following are examples of previous contracts that represent how you can expand your learning in various Anthropology courses:

ANT 102: Human Origins

Create lesson plans about primate behavior and evolution with a focus on accessibility that will educate student of any age about the concept of evolution.

ANT 185: Cultures Of The World: An Introduction To Cultural & Linguistic Anthropology

Research the origin, structure, playing techniques, and traditional and current uses for the aboriginal didgeridoo. Film and edit a video playing and explaining the instrument and create a didgeridoo using various supplies to model traditional aboriginal style. Educate the class on the way of life of the aborigine people, their spiritual practices, and the cultural significance of the instrument.

ANT 383: Studies in Selected Cultures

Investigate how race, gender, culture, and sexuality, can affect food consumed around the world. Compare the cuisine of more privileged societies to impoverished areas, or study how various groups eat including those participating in veganism, vegetarianism, etc. Produce an educational food journal with pictures and descriptions to share with classmates.



Honors Contract examples in:
Art

The following are examples of previous contracts that represent how you can expand your learning in various Art courses:

ART 224: Metal Work and Jewelry Design I

Focus on craftsmanship and working with unconventional materials by exploring how to combine different metals together to create a unique ring made from unexpected everyday items.

ART 236: Graphic Design

Create a guide to digital photography to educate beginners as they learn the basics of a digital camera and understand the different types of photography. Provide tips and tricks to assist other in building a stronger understanding of Adobe InDesign while solidifying your understanding of aperture, shutter speed, ISO, and exposure.

ART 255: Glass 1

Explore lost wax glass casting techniques, experiment with different types of glass to achieve different effects, develop proficiency in annealing cycles, or explore various mold making techniques to produce three-dimensional glass castings.

ART 263: Northern Renaissance and Baroque Art and Architecture

Channel your inner art historian by selecting a meaningful piece of art from this period and locating relevant research to find out more about its history.



Honors Contract examples in:
Biological Sciences

The following are examples of previous contracts that represent how you can expand your learning in various Biological Sciences courses:

BSC 181: Human Physiology And Anatomy I

Learn about a structure or process of the human anatomy by illustrating a detailed painting of the bodily structure or process to communicate its physiology.

BSC 212: Principles of Botany

Investigate how houseplants can improve one's mood and mental health. Discover why buying plants can feel addictive and look into the effects plants can have on our brains.

BSC 319: Genetics and Behavior

Research the physiology and genetics of extreme deviant human behaviors by focusing on well-known serial killers with conditions such as antisocial personality disorder. Compile your findings in a presentation to the class.

BSC 367: Immunology

Create an Immunology Journal Club with classmates! Set a designated time to meet weekly to present and discuss historical immunology research.



Honors Contract examples in:
Chemistry

The following are examples of previous contracts that represent how you can expand your learning in various Chemistry courses:

CHE 301: Teaching of Chemistry

Focus on laboratory safety by creating an audit on a high school's chemical storage and laboratories. Consider sharing the audit sheet to the school as a recommendation for improvements to their science laboratory settings.

CHE 315: Instrumental Analysis

Study optimization and investigate a new instrumental method to quantify protein binding to the surface of gold nanoparticles (AuNPs). In formal paper, report findings related to the experiment and provide additional background into quantitative NMR techniques.

CHE 344: General Biochemistry II

Delve into the science of nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs by teaching the class about NSAIDs. Provide educational resources and a lecture discussing how NSAIDs affect the function of the human body.



Honors Contract examples in:
Communication

The following are examples of previous contracts that represent how you can expand your learning in various Communication courses:

COM 110: Communication as Critical Inquiry

Study empathy and how it affects the way we communicate by creating a tutorial on how to be a human being. Present your tutorial in the form of a TED talk.

COM 123: Interpersonal Communication

Relate communication to one of your extracurricular activities or passions by composing a guide of terms and phrases commonly utilized in that setting. Present the guide and in class and spread awareness for your activity, group, or passion.

COM 128: Gender In The Humanities

Study the effect of Disney movies on children's gender identities. Expand on a class discussion on the Disney princesses by giving a presentation of your findings to the class.

COM 269: Magazine Production and Design

Summarize class content by designing a unique magazine cover aimed to get students interested in taking COM 269.



Honors Contract examples in:

Communication Sciences and Disorders

The following are examples of previous contracts that represent how you can expand your learning in various Communication Sciences and Disorders courses:

CSD 175: Spoken and Written Language Development

Investigate culture as it relates to international adoption and how it influences language development. Prepare a presentation and discussion to facilitate with classmates.

CSD 319: Stuttering

Collect and analyze personal stories from people who stutter and complete a write-up comparing how each person's experiences. Share your findings by creating an informational handout for the class.

CSD 323: Neurogenic Disorders

Create an informative pamphlet or brochure about premature babies with swallowing disorders/difficulties and how parents can navigate this challenge.

CSD 350: Introduction to Audiology

Collaborate with a professor, audiology graduate students, and Illinois State's School of Music to test the hearing of students and faculty. Assist in planning a hearing conservation program for music majors and faculty and create a written plan based on your collaboration.



Honors Contract examples in:
Creative Technologies

The following are examples of previous contracts that represent how you can expand your learning in various Creative Technologies courses:

CTK 301: Web Design and Development

Create a video documentary focusing on the history of HTML.

CTK 340: Sound Design 2: Advance Digital Audio

Developing a deeper understanding of mixing and mastering as it relates to music production, sound design, and engineering by creating a fully mixed and edited multitrack song.

CTK 359: Games and Society

Summarize your learning throughout the class by creating an educational board game that can be used as a study tool for future students.

CTK 380: Selected Topics in Arts Technology

Study content creation and implementation of music in video games by producing a completed multi-layered song specifically for use in a video game.



Honors Contract examples in:
Criminal Justice

The following are examples of previous contracts that represent how you can expand your learning in various Criminal Justice courses:

CJS 102: Individuals, Society, and Justice

Explore how suicide plays a part in modern internet sensations, such as the Blue Whale Challenge. Investigate the history, details, participants, and whether families of these participants were served justice. Tie in how the internet influences suicide contagion and create a website of the analysis and findings of the research.

CJS 208: Criminal Law

Write a paper or create a handout on the history of mental illness in the legal sphere. Include history of legal defenses that occur when one is mentally ill or analyze court cases that set important legal precedents regarding mental illness.

CJS 311: Criminalizing Mental Illness

Analyze how mental illness is portrayed through the media, such as in comic books, movies, and video games. Create an informative document that provides an overview of the specific characters that pique your interest and investigate their mental disorders. Include symptoms, severity, and impact on daily living in addition to how this disorder is being portrayed in the media.



Honors Contract examples in:
Economics

The following are examples of previous contracts that represent how you can expand your learning in various Economics courses:

ECO 101: Principles of Microeconomics

Create a podcast series on how capitalism relates to education and society in the US. Consider discussing how other countries differ in their education systems or feature individuals to share their experiences or knowledge on the matter.

ECO 220: Law and Economics

Research intellectual property and copyrights and their economic impact they have had on well-known artists or songs.

ECO 241: Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory

Create a public database of complaints filed against a local or well-known police department and analyze your findings.

ECO 343: Competition and Managerial Economics

Create an oral presentation analyzing strategies of playing chess, investigating critical moments in selected chess games, and determining how the most impressive players reach the endgame phase.



Honors Contract examples in:
English

The following are examples of previous contracts that represent how you can expand your learning in various English courses:

ENG 124: Film Style and Literature

Create a series of movie posters by combining key elements from each of the films watched in class. Write short summaries about each poster and how it relates to themes presented in each movie, class content, and film style.

ENG 128: Gender in the Humanities

Create a podcast episode discussing what the idea of gender means to you and your guests. Discuss how mindsets can be changed over time regarding gender and sexuality.

ENG 170: Foundations in Literature for Children

Illustrated a children's book using the different components of children's literature analyzed in class. Write an original or write a story inspired from a classic story. Create or print a physical copy to be shared!

ENG 342: Sociolinguistics

Investigate how American values/views of romantic love and family affect the language we use to speak about them. Plan and facilitate a discussion with your class to discuss your findings.



Honors Contract examples in:
Family and Consumer Sciences

The following are examples of previous contracts that represent how you can expand your learning in various Family and Consumer Sciences courses:

FCS 113: Principles of Food Preparation

Conduct a lab experiment to determine the differences between gluten-free, dairy-free, egg-free, and traditional muffins. Compared and contrast their taste, appearance, and texture. Discover how certain ingredients influence the final food product.

FCS 122: Apparel Product Development I

Create your own quilt or produce a unit plan outlining potential topics for a high school sewing course. Include information on quilt-making strategies, design, pacing and how to teach these concepts to high schoolers.

FCS 309: Couple Relationships

Create an infographic detailing the top 5 myths believed about college relationships, why they are not true, and the truth. Collect data from students via a survey to customize the infographic to Illinois State!

FCS 327: Clothing and Behavior

Investigate whether fashion magazines are size-inclusive by analyzing popular magazines and comparing the frequency of plus-size model to straight-sized model advertisements. Write a research paper about your findings and how it relates to body image.



Honors Contract examples in:
Finance, Insurance, and Law

The following are examples of previous contracts that represent how you can expand your learning in various Finance, Insurance, and Law courses:

FIL 260: Real Estate Principals

Investigate the impact major stadiums and arenas have on cities and create an infographic of your findings.

FIL 345: Retirement Planning & Employee Benefits

Read *A Random Walk Down Wall Street* by Burton Malkiel and write a book summary of each chapter.

FIL 352: Liability Insurance

Explore the insurance implications of the home-sharing, such as Airbnb, and ridesharing, such as Uber. Place an emphasis on liability problems, growth, and potential problems for the insurance industry. Present your findings to the class!



Honors Contract examples in:

Geography, Geology, and the Environment

The following are examples of previous contracts that represent how you can expand your learning in various Geography, Geology, and the Environment courses:

GEO 142: Human Geography

Create an interactive map created using Google's "My maps" application. Feature different countries with descriptions of safety regulations pertaining to each country. Investigate safety culture and how safety regulations impact consumer products, food, the workplace, hobbies, and how we eat.

GEO 265: Our National Parks

Set out to learn more about the Lincoln Home through researching relevant and historical events that took place in the city of Springfield and surrounding areas. Craft an infographic that includes a timeline based on the Lincoln family and their home, including a home tour and artifacts on the site.

GEO 336: Urban Geography

Take a scenic drive and take pictures of your journey along the way. Experience applying knowledge and techniques learned in class to real world situations and locations.



Honors Contract examples in:
Health Sciences

The following are examples of previous contracts that represent how you can expand your learning in various Health Sciences courses:

HSC 102: Fundamentals of Human Nutrition

Track your own nutrition and diet for a week. Analyze your habits and the effect your diet might have on behavior and other bodily functions.

HSC 156: Environmental Health in the 21st Century

Create a vision board related to food safety! Include facts about food safety and how the body can be affected if food safety is not properly prioritized in restaurants.

HSC 202: Pathophysiology II

Shed light on a commonly misdiagnosed condition, such as low ferritin levels in blood. Create an educational brochure on the symptoms, laboratory testing routes, self-treatment options, and preventing misdiagnosis.



Honors Contract examples in:
History

The following are examples of previous contracts that represent how you can expand your learning in various History courses:

HIS 104A02: History of East Asia

Study the Warring States Period of Chinese History. Learn about the philosophers of this time and compare how effective each where. Turn your findings into a board game focusing on the Warring States Period.

HIS 104A06: History of Native Americans

Investigate the stereotypes that have been given to Native Americans and write a research paper discussing the portrayal of Native Americans in American film.

HIS 262: History of Women in the United State Since 1865

Develop a lesson plan for high school learners, teaching the Progressive Era with women's experiences as the focus.



Honors Contract examples in:
Information Technology

The following are examples of previous contracts that represent how you can expand your learning in various Information Technology courses:

IT 179: Introduction to Data Structures

Create a Java program that runs like a game of Battleship! Place ships on a grid and take shots at their opponent's ships!

IT 276: Data Communications

Set up a local area network along with several different devices--a firewall, a media server, etc. and educate the class about your process.

IT 326: Principles of Software Engineering

Build a web application for Habitat for Humanity or another organization using different software engineering techniques learned in class. Apply your knowledge to the real world by working with the organization to aid in the creation of their web application.



Honors Contract examples in:
Kinesiology and Recreation

The following are examples of previous contracts that represent how you can expand your learning in various Kinesiology and Recreation courses:

KNR 222: Physical Education for Elementary Classroom Teacher

Created detailed lesson plans for grades K-5, including lesson plans with varied subjects for each grade level. Integrate movement into each lesson plan to help the students stay more engaged!

KNR 307: Exercise in Health and Disease

Research chronic disease and exercise as a preventative measure and/or treatment. Write an informational guide including a variety of chronic diseases and how exercise can impact prognosis.

KNR 313: Exercise Programming for Neuromuscular Fitness

Step into the role of a personal trainer for a friend or imaginary client who desires to get into a normal exercise routine. Conduct preliminary testing to gather information about their health to create an effective exercise program. Plan a 6-week exercise program that fit the needs and lifestyle of your client!

KNR 334: Therapeutic Exercise

Develop at-home exercise programs involving the rehabilitation of common sports injuries. Provide an educational presentation to the class about the prevalence of these sports injuries, prevention, and rehabilitation.



Honors Contract examples in:
Languages, Literature, and Cultures

The following are examples of previous contracts that represent how you can expand your learning in various Languages, Literature, and Cultures courses:

LAT 111: First Year Latin

Investigate the most helpful and effective ways of learning a new language! Study strategies for memorizing language and improve fluency by creating teaching aides and study items for instructors to give to students learning a new language.

CHI 115: Second Year Chinese Part I

Create a travel journal based on a study abroad experience or create a travel itinerary of a desired location where you will be able to embrace Chinese culture. Include photos and summaries of experiences and opportunities for practicing the language skills learned in past Chinese courses.

SPA 233: Introduction to Hispanic Literature

Research different methods of teaching language and develop a Hispanic literature lesson plan at the elementary, middle, or high school level. Plan teacher and student roles and include materials needed to aid in the instruction of the lesson.



Honors Contract examples in:
Management

The following are examples of previous contracts that represent how you can expand your learning in various Management courses:

MGT 220: Business Organization and Management

Identify a local business owner and conduct an interview about their life and how they have reached success. Learn about networking, gather helpful resources, and get advice on owning a business.

MGT 230: Introduction to Marketing Management

Develop a marketing plan for a concert or special event! Apply course content to create this marketing plan and assess the project after its completion.

MGT 323: Human Resources Management

Study the effects of discrimination in the workplace and what human resource representatives can do to change the culture of discrimination. Create a presentation to share with the class that documents your findings.



Honors Contract examples in:
Marketing

The following are examples of previous contracts that represent how you can expand your learning in various Marketing courses:

MKT 232: Marketing Research

Identify a business and conduct market research in order to make better pricing, advertisements, etc. Create a presentation detailing the results and design some potential posts for their social media sites.

MKT 233: Foundations of Integrated Marketing

Develop a fictional business/organization and create multiple digital advertisements to effectively represent their product or service. Consider designing social media graphics, billboards, or magazine covers!

MKT 339: Seminar in Sports Marketing

Investigate the demographics that make up the fanbase of the sports industry in general or at Illinois State University! Study the differences in audience behavior, team spirit, energy, and additional experiences that makes a person a "fan". Create a document explaining the multiple aspects and experiences of a fanbase and distribute your findings to the class.



Honors Contract examples in:
Mathematics

The following are examples of previous contracts that represent how you can expand your learning in various Mathematics courses:

MAT 223: Introduction to Secondary Mathematics Education

Research the topic of how SMART boards are effective when teaching mathematics. Read through research studies conducted on their effectiveness and present an interactive lesson, utilizing a SMART board, of the research findings to the class.

MAT 260: Discrete Mathematics

Develop a discrete math book designed to make college math look less intimidating, increase understanding, and create confidence in future MAT 260 students.

MAT 324: Seminars For Student Teachers Of Mathematics

Develop a new curriculum for a high school Algebra I course that is more beneficial for high school students. Present this curriculum plan to the class, including potential lesson plans for every chapter, section, and lesson.

MAT 383: Actuarial Models III

Create a study guide for students preparing to take the Investments and Financial Markets Exam administered by the Society of Actuaries. Cover a wide variety of topics ranging from financial derivatives to corporate finance and compose practice questions that can be used to help students feel more confident before the exam.



Honors Contract examples in:
Music

The following are examples of previous contracts that represent how you can expand your learning in various Music courses:

MUS 108: Group Instruction In Basic Musicianship II

Learn about crafting a music arrangement and the factors that go into writing music by creating your own marching band show to the music of your favorite video game!

MUS 138: Applied Music -- Bassoon

Study reed making to enhance your knowledge of bassoon pedagogy, from playing, to instrument maintenance, to reed making. Investigate the specifics of reed making and create a, easy-to-follow guide for your classmates!

MUS 186: Treble Choral Ensemble

Create a choral warm up manual that includes the 6 aspects to a good warm up for a choir: stretches and posture, breathing, vocal pedagogy, flexibility, range extension, and staccato/legato. Provide explanations of these aspects along with exercises that can be used to address each.

MUS 281A01: Marching Band

Investigate the history of the Big Red Marching Machine as understood by the community around it. Create an infographic about BRMM's history, community involvement, and impact at Illinois State.



Honors Contract examples in:
Nursing

The following are examples of previous contracts that represent how you can expand your learning in various Nursing courses:

NUR 229: Adult Nursing I

Examine the social determinants of health on those who are unhoused. Research improvements and potential solutions to improve healthcare for those experiencing homelessness. Create an educational handout of your findings.

NUR 314: Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing

Study mental illness on campus by working with Student Health Services to gather data and infographics. Create flyers to hang around campus as informative postings to encourage students to reach out and engage more with campus mental health resources.

NUR 326: Gerontological Nursing

Focus on preventing falls in the elderly population by creating educational handouts targeting populations such as elderly individuals, family and loved ones of the elderly, and healthcare staff.

NUR 339: Pathophysiology and Pharmacotherapeutics Nursing II: Prelicensure

Conduct research about the condition of Topical Steroid Withdrawal. Compile your findings in an educational brochure.



Honors Contract examples in:

Philosophy

The following are examples of previous contracts that represent how you can expand your learning in various Philosophy courses:

PHI 101: Basic Issues in Philosophy

Write an analysis of your favorite TV show with regard to philosophical schools of thought on morality/ethics.

PHI 202: Sex, Values, And Human Nature

Study the effects of the internalized male gaze on identity, sexuality, and sexual encounters. Expand upon course readings on sexuality, androcentrism, and gender by producing three op-eds, all looking at the effects of the male gaze.

PHI 208: Buddhist Philosophy

Create a guide that educates your audience on how to practice meditation, its benefits, and how it applies to Buddhism.



Honors Contract examples in:
Physics

The following are examples of previous contracts that represent how you can expand your learning in various Physics courses:

PHY 102: Atoms to Galaxies

Devise a series of experiments using sound and wave equipment (tuning forks, oscilloscope, frequency generator, etc.) and several different musical instruments to explore the relationship between sound frequencies and their connection to music. Write a lab report summarizing your work.

PHY 340: Electricity and Magnetism II

Write a computational simulation of a time varying electric field through space from a charge particle with nonzero momentum moving in space. Take into consideration the equation of retarded time from what you learned in the course textbook. Produce a working computational model with the completed computer code.

PHY 375: Electronics for Scientists

Study chaotic behavior in simple electronic circuits. Choose a known chaotic circuit and build it as a demonstration device for future students to see chaotic behavior in a circuit that is within the scope of the course. Provide pictures of finished product and its components, a schematic diagram of circuit, a description of its operation, and measurements of outputs.

PHY 390: Computational Research in Physics

Collaborate with a professor to debug and modify a complex model of the hypothetical chaotic waterwheel. Write a standard operating procedure for the physical experimental model and compare the theoretical model data directly, while tuning the theoretical model to accurately represent the experiment. Write up a debrief explaining the process you took and your findings.



Honors Contract examples in:
Politics and Government

The following are examples of previous contracts that represent how you can expand your learning in various Politics and Government courses:

POL 100: Introduction to Politics

Study the US Constitution as it relates to modern-day politics. Delve into this concept by writing a paper comparing a selected group of former presidents and investigate the concept of impeachment.

POL 140: Politics of Africa, Asia, and Latin America

Watch documentaries encompassing the topics of poverty in Africa, China as a power, and the war in Congo. Write essay summaries about your learning as it relates to aspects of class material.

POL 259: The Politics of the Global Illicit Economy: Drug Trafficking

Expand knowledge of criminal logistics such as cyber security, the deep web, online illicit drug distribution, and the organization of criminal groups. Read and produce a book review of *Silk Road* by Eileen Ormsby. Dive into the book's main argument, the author's motivation, supporting evidence, the target audience, strengths and weaknesses, and how the book is relevant to class content.



Honors Contract examples in:
Psychology

The following are examples of previous contracts that represent how you can expand your learning in various Psychology courses:

PSY 213: Lifespan Development

Relate specific Taylor Swift songs to different attachment styles in order to create a fun and engaging study tool. Create a presentation discussing each attachment style and how it relates to a particular song's lyrics, themes, and overall style.

PSY 233: Psychology of Personality

Go beyond your initial understanding of class topics by producing a podcast episode discussing course topics that stood out or that were meaningful. Utilize critical thinking, information fluency, and creative productivity relating these topics to life events.

PSY 331: Laboratory Research Methods for Psychology

Shift your idea of reality by writing a book about the life of a pet from their perspective. Research canine behavior and connect a dog's thinking process to real life events that they experienced. Hypothesize their understanding and reactions to specific situations in their life.

PSY 346: Psychology of Exceptional Children

Investigate bullying interventions such as The Bully Busters Program and The Bully Proofing Your School program. Research the effectiveness of these programs make conclusions about which aspects of each work best. Combine key points in each intervention create a new program that based on the best parts of each. Present your findings to the class or create a handout for local schools.



Honors Contract examples in:
Social Work

The following are examples of previous contracts that represent how you can expand your learning in various Social Work courses:

SWK 329: Preparation for Professional Practice

Interview a social worker in your preferred setting and location to gather information about their job responsibilities, life as a social worker, struggles, highlights, and advice. Produce a presentation to share with classmates.

SWK 336: Generalist Practice 2: Families

Research gender sensitivity by conducting research and developing a gender-sensitive intervention guide that a social worker could use to assist families in becoming more gender sensitive. Present findings to the class to reinforce class material.

SWK 395: Field Instruction Seminar II

Create an educational tool for future clients, such as a Wellness Binder, on the expectations of initial detox from drugs and alcohol during an addiction. Design worksheets, compile community resources, and create tools that would be helpful for those recovering from addiction.



Honors Contract examples in:
Sociology

The following are examples of previous contracts that represent how you can expand your learning in various Sociology courses:

SOC 103: Thirsty Society: An Interdisciplinary Examination of Water

Take an in depth look at future hotspots for conflicts centered around water. Research how water can be a driving factor for political conflicts around the world and produce an analysis of these potential water-related conflicts and how society might respond.

SOC 106: Introduction to Sociology

Investigate common misconceptions held about race. Study the history of racism and learn about common misconceptions held by students and faculty at Illinois State. Create an informative document, website, or brochure that includes statistics about these common beliefs and the factual information to disprove them.

SOC 111: American Diversity: Contested Visions Of The U.S. Experience

Create a "survival guide" website based on course content, including overview of the class, the importance of American diversity, syllabus information, and class expectations. Include a guide that breaks down class material and helpful tips for exams. Share this website with your professor to be used for future classes.



Honors Contract examples in:
Special Education

The following are examples of previous contracts that represent how you can expand your learning in various Special Education courses:

SED 205: Family, Professional, and Community Collaboration

Create a virtual binder for special educators to use to support low-income families with a child with a disability. Include resources such as handouts, websites, and videos covering topics including legal information, school supports, and community resources.

SED 360: Transition from School to Adulthood

Produce a podcast or educational video focusing on cultural Identity, privilege, and oppression and how they intersect within disability. Topics could include Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) in the school setting, the foster-care system, or the juvenile care system.

SED 361: Education of Learners with Severe Disabilities

Explore and create adapted books for individuals with disabilities using accessible language, photos, and other elements.

SED 368: Math Methods with Learners with Disabilities

Investigate visual learning in math for students with disabilities, specifically those who are D/deaf or hard of hearing. Create an educational handout for your peers detailing how teachers can support D/deaf or hard of hearing individuals in the classroom.



Honors Contract examples in:
Teaching and Learning

The following are examples of previous contracts that represent how you can expand your learning in various Teaching and Learning courses:

TCH 204: Elementary Education: Practices and Issues

Create a Personal Learning Network through the Twitter/X platform. Follow hashtags, interact with educators, and engage in virtual conversations about educational topics. Use this platform to gather insight on new teaching ideas and classroom strategies. Create a running list of ideas, resources, and strategies that can be shared with classmates.

TCH 209: Literacy II: Reading And Language Arts In The Elementary School

Contact a local elementary school to tutor students in reading and writing. Comprise individualized goals and create lesson plans with activities to reach these reading and writing goals. Reflect on each lesson by writing a blog post containing the outcomes of each, progress, and improvement areas.

TCH 219: Integrating Multiple Literacies & Technologies Across Secondary Curriculum

Collaborate with a professor to design a lesson plan that would fit into an upcoming class unit. Design, revise, practice, and facilitate the plan in class alongside the professor.



Honors Contract examples in:
Technology

The following are examples of previous contracts that represent how you can expand your learning in various Technology courses:

TEC 222: Mechanical Electrical and Plumbing

Collaborate with a professor to develop more complex labs for various TEC courses that will aide in a deeper understanding of class content.

TEC 243: Computer Networking Systems

Create a functioning router out of an old desktop computer! Utilize knowledge from class in addition to individual research focusing on network infrastructure and security. Produce a video of the router in action and develop your own set of instructions for classmates to create their own.

TEC 245: Applications of Operating Systems

Create a test environment that uses Active Directory to take class content and replicate it at home. Collaborate with a small business owner to improve their workflow and security by creating a functioning test environment that will simulate what the business owner would want in their business.



Honors Contract examples in:
Theatre and Dance

The following are examples of previous contracts that represent how you can expand your learning in various Theatre and Dance courses:

THE 113: Acting II

Investigate ways to facilitate comfort and vulnerability when giving a monologue. Based on the findings, perform your own monologue and reflect after performing based on your findings and any criticism from your audience.

THE 221: Stage Movement II

Study masked performance in the twenty first century and its relation to movement and art. Research and produce an analysis on why masks are an accessory that have been used for many generations and how they have evolved in modern cinema and performance.

THE 237: Stage Make-up

Participate in a social experiment by selecting unique make-up design concepts and wearing each for a week. Record observations, reactions, and interactions that occurred while experimenting with makeup design. Document personal emotions during this period to get an understanding of how make-up can affect one's mentality. Take pictures and share your reflections with the class in a journal or scrapbook.

THE 333: Costume Crafts

Explore sustainable fabrics, natural dyes, and the process of growing the raw materials of these fabrics. Research how natural and artificial dyes compare in terms of sustainability. Create a graphic containing real fabric swatches accompanied by your research.