

# 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



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



#### 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



# **Getting Started**

Use your Creative Productivity. You're not limited to writing a paper. Is there a certain end product you have in mind? T.

Honors Contracts: Potential Product Ideas

Products that Leverage Auditory and/or Verbal Skills	Products that Utilize Visual Skills	Products that Maximize Tactile-Kinesthetic Skills
	Advertisement Animation Billboard Billboard Book jacket Book trailer/movie trailer Brochure Collage Comic book/comic strip Costume Diagram Drawing or painting Flow chart Flyer Glog Graphic organizer Infographic Illustrated manual Illustrations Marketing proposal Magazine Map Multimedia product • PowerPoint, Prez, etc. Mural Pamphiet Photobiography Picture dictionary Pinterest board(s) Political cartoon Portfolio Poster Rebus story Scrapbook Timeline Travelogue Video WebGuest Word cloud	Tactile-Kinesthetic Skills Activity plan Book talk/poetry slam Builetin board Character sketch Coding Composing music Dance Data collection/entry Demonstration Dramatization Exhibit Experiment Field experience Filp book Filip chart Game • Concrete or digitai How-to book Invention Jigsaw puzzle Manipulatives Mobile Model Newscast Papier-mäché Performance • Raader's Theater, recital, etc. Photograph Pilay or skit Pop-up book Prototype Raader's Theater Rhythmic pattern Scale drawing Scavenger hunt Sculpture Set design Simulation Survey Televised broadcast
Survey Teaching a lesson TED talk Written report	Wordless book	

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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.

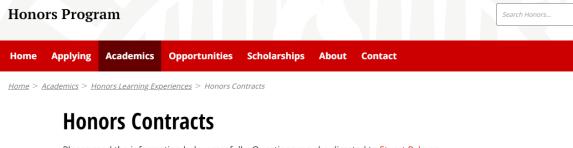


# Good to know....

- 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.

Honors Contracts

- 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.



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.

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Honors Contract Form 🖸 Process Overview

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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.



#### Information Fluency

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

Leadership Development

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



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



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



#### **Cultural Intelligence**

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



# 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.