Today’s Agenda

- Your Honors Facilitator presents: 
  
  *Honors Learning Experiences*
  
  - What *IS* an Honors Contract?
Honors Contract Packet

What is an Honors Contract?

Students choose a topic, design an Honors Contract, and take a regular course in it as an Honors learning experience. The Contract includes a research paper or Honor’s Project. The student may then create a product that integrates one or more areas of Honor’s Learning.

Honors Contract Process

Honors Contract students must complete a contract that reflects the student’s learning experience. The Contract should include the student’s Honors Learning Experience, the Student’s Significant Achievement, and the Student’s Proposed Paper. The Contract should be submitted to the Honors Program Coordinator for approval.

Honors Program Responsibilities

1. To support the student in developing the research paper or Honor’s Project.
2. To provide opportunities for the student to engage in activities that enhance the research experience.
3. To provide support for the student in developing a research paper or Honor’s Project.

Instructor Responsibilities

1. To provide a research paper or Honor’s Project that reflects the student’s learning experience.
2. To provide opportunities for the student to engage in activities that enhance the research experience.
3. To provide support for the student in developing a research paper or Honor’s Project.

Honors Learning Experiences

Honors Contracts offer opportunities for students to pursue their own interests and to develop their own learning experiences. The Honors Program encourages students to explore new ideas, to challenge themselves, and to think critically.

Questions to Consider

1. What course will you be enrolled in?
2. What topics could be explored further or extended in this course?
3. Can you find a related topic that you are interested in and that could potentially be pursued as a research project?
4. Would you like to pursue a related topic that is of interest to you?
5. Would you like to pursue a related topic that is of interest to you and that could be pursued as a research project?

Exploring Honors Contracts

1. What is an Honors Contract?
2. What is the purpose of an Honors Contract?
3. How do I create an Honors Contract?
4. What are the benefits of an Honors Contract?

Mapping a Meaningful Honors Contract Experience

1. What is a meaningful Honors Contract experience?
2. How do I create a meaningful Honors Contract experience?
3. What are the steps to creating a meaningful Honors Contract experience?
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
- Stand out in a lecture or an online class
Honors Contracts

With great power comes great responsibility.
Honors Contract Process

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<td>Completed in a class you are already taking</td>
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<td>Establish at the beginning of the semester</td>
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<td>15 hours over the course of the semester</td>
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Stuart Palmer is the contact for Honors Contracts.
Honors Contracts

Getting Started
Use your Creative Productivity.
You’re not limited to writing a paper.
Is there a certain end product you have in mind?
Don’t let the format of classes limit your outcome.
Kaelyn Condon

- Nursing major
- NUR 314: Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing
- Presentation and paper on the behavioral and communication needs of adults and children with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
Michael Severino

- Math Education major
- MAT 223: Introduction to Secondary Mathematics Education
- Literature review on culturally responsive teaching. Presented the content to class in a lesson.
Joann Diep

- Graphic Design major
- ART 236: Digital Photography 1
- Photobook reflecting on struggles related to her Asian identity in America as well as family’s history. Combining photography and graphic design to use image as a reaction to world events.
Honors Contract Examples

Hannah Hogue

• Communication Sciences and Disorders major
• THE 130: Introduction to Costuming
• Explored German heritage and conducted research into the history of German folk garments, also known as Tracht; designed and constructed German folk garment.
Honors Contract Examples

Shauna Streitmatter

- Graphic Design major
- ART 227: Graphic Design II
- Wrote, designed, and illustrated an educational children's book and designed an accompanying booklet recording the design process.

Shapes at the Birthday Party

Written and Illustrated by: Shauna Streitmatter
Getting Started

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

With people around you…

• Pick one class that someone is in this semester.
• What are some ideas you have for an Honors Contract?
• What would you submit as your final product?
• Which Dimension(s) of Honors Learning would you develop through this Honors Contract?
Next week....

How to *DO* an Honors Contract