



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	Model
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.

The screenshot shows the Honors Program website for Illinois State University. The header includes the university logo, the text "HONORS PROGRAM Illinois State University", and a search bar labeled "Search Honors...". A navigation menu contains links for "Applying", "Academics", "Opportunities", "Scholarships", "About", and "Contact". The "Academics" link is highlighted. On the left, a sidebar menu lists various options: "Dimensions of Honors Learning", "Honors Learning Experiences", "Honors Sections", "Honors Contracts", "Honors Seminars", "Honors Research", "Honors Explorations", "Honors Travel", "Requirements", "Honors Designations", "Advising", "Learning Tools", and "Home". The "Honors Contracts" option is selected. The main content area is titled "Honors Contract" and contains four text input fields, each with a red asterisk indicating it is required: "First Name*", "Last Name*", "University ID Number*", and "Illinois State Email*".



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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.

Which of the Dimensions of Honors Learning will be applied to or developed through this Honors Contract?*

Critical Thinking

Interdisciplinary Learning

Information Fluency

Creative Productivity

Leadership Development

Cultural Intelligence

My instructor and I have scheduled the following times for progress updates and consultation:*



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What happens at the end of the semester?

The **Honors Program** will...

1. Contact instructors for confirmation of the completion of Contracts.
2. Contact students with the form to reflect on the experience.
3. Have Contract courses noted as “Honors” on transcripts.



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What happens at the end of the semester?

Students will...

1. Submit final products to instructors.
2. Submit form to reflect on the Honors Contract experience.
3. Keep a record of the Contract for future reference.



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What happens at the end of the semester?

Instructors will...

1. Evaluate final products.
2. Confirm completion of Honors Contracts with the Honors Program.
3. Comment on final products.