



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA Honors Program Contract

Courses

Any course may be a contract Honors course given the approval of the instructor. All USI students may contract courses for Honors credit, Honors and non-Honors alike. Those students not currently enrolled in the Honors Program may take these courses for Honors credit, but only with the permission of the instructor. Non-Honors student registration is allowed so that students interested in the Program may have the opportunity to experiment with an Honors course.

Honors Component

All students who take a course for Honors credit will complete an Honors component in addition to all other requirements on the course syllabus. The Honors component should be designed to promote enhanced study for the course. The content of the Honors component will vary by course topic. Generally, students are encouraged to work with their professors to develop projects that will be interesting and stimulating for both the students and the professors. The Honors Faculty Council encourages directed but student-initiated learning. The project can take a variety of forms depending on the class content, and the preference of the professor and the student. Some examples are: an extension or added dimension to a class paper, an additional paper, a class presentation, field work, a series of interviews culminating in a report, researching case studies, a review of current literature, a speech, a conference paper, leading a class discussion after researching a class topic, reading plays and books in a foreign language, etc. Depending on the course content, a project might be of interest to the entire class and the student could present his/her work to the class as part of the project. The workload for the Honors component should be roughly 15 hours a semester and no more than 30. A description of the Honors component should be attached to the contract form. The contract form must be signed by the student and the instructor and returned to the Honors Program Office (ED 0114) by the due date specified on the contract form. Final approval of all Honors contracts rests with the Honors Director.

Grading

Students will receive two separate grades for contract Honors courses. One grade is based only on the work assigned on the course syllabus to all students. An additional grade will be given solely for the Honors component. This grade for the Honors component will not be factored into the students overall course grade or GPA. Honors credit for the course is earned and will be entered on a student's transcript if: the student 1) earns an A or B grade for the course and 2) satisfactorily completes the Honors contract component with an A or B grade.

Withdrawal

Students may drop the Honors component without withdrawing from the course itself. The only consequence is that no Honors credit is earned for the course. This action may be taken any time prior to, and including, the last day of regularly scheduled classes in a semester or summer term.

