Honors Option Instructions and Guidelines
(formerly known as Contract Courses)

After consulting with the instructor, the student should attach a typed description of the proposed enrichment or extension beyond the standard curriculum, and submit it with the following form.

- The proposal should include a clear description of the proposed deliverable(s).

- The proposal should clearly explain how the enrichment will increase the student's knowledge in the discipline beyond the standard course offering, and/or increase the rigor/sophistication of the course beyond the standard course offering. (The enrichment should not be simply “more of the same,” but should provide greater breadth, subtlety, rigor, or complexity, perhaps in an interdisciplinary nature.)

- The proposal should have communication-related outcomes, including (at least) presentation of the work at an appropriate public venue such as the Honors Research Symposium, a class meeting, a meeting with other faculty members, a published paper, or a poster session at a relevant conference.

- Sections A and B of the form should be typed.

Additional Notes

- Forms are due to the Honors Program Office the first week of the semester, and require the consent of the Program Director.

- 100-level courses are ineligible for the Honors Option. Options will not be accepted for courses that offered as Honors in the same academic term.

- A course grade of at least a ‘B–’ is required to earn Honors points. Additionally, the course instructor will determine whether the student has met the terms of the contract at a level that demonstrates the substance and quality expected of Honors-level work in the discipline.

- A student who does not meet all the terms of an Honors Option can receive standard course credit, but might not receive honors points.