

University Honors Program Student-Initiated Honors Contract: Guidelines

Introduction

NC State's University Honors Program (UHP) encourages currently enrolled students to earn Honors course credit through contracts with faculty*. The contract may be for work done independently by a student under faculty supervision or may be made between faculty members and teams of students working on a common project. Contracts for Honors Credit may be developed in advance by members of the faculty who agree to supervise Honors work or may be proposed by students to members of the faculty in whose courses they are or plan to be enrolled. For more information contact Dr. Larry Blanton, UHP Director, at Larry_Blanton@ncsu.edu.

Defining Honors Credit

Faculty should expect UHP students to engage in work that involves self-reflection, independent learning and/or collaborative learning, project design and completion, and the capacity to develop, test, and modify project outcomes. The actual course experience for the student may be an enriched version of the regular course or may be radically different from the one students in the regular course are taking.

Because of the range of possibilities embraced by this model, the signatures of departmental and college-level administrators are required for the protection of academic integrity and the recognition of the student's special effort, creativity, and initiative.

When to Submit a Contract

Students should return the signed contract to the UHP office by the 10th day of the semester (or third day of a summer session) in which the course is to be taken. Contracts received after the University's official last day to drop classes will not be approved.

Getting Honors Credit for completing a Contract

At the end of the semester in which the H Contract is pursued, the faculty member assesses the student's work and submits to the UHP a Grade Report Form indicating whether the student has completed the Contract work with a grade of "B-" or better. If so, the student will receive an "H" for the course on the student's Official Transcript. The UHP office will mail the Grade Report Form directly to the faculty member.



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*If you have questions concerning how to complete this contract if the course instructor is not a faculty member, please contact the UHP director at Larry_Blanton@ncsu.edu.