UNG Honors Contract

At UNG, Honors coursework aims to increase students' understanding of and facility with the subject matter through innovative assignments. The Honors Contract option supports students in pursuing deepened engagement with course materials through a personalized experience developed in collaboration with the course professor. The Contract also supports faculty creativity and innovation; professors can use the contract to test new ideas on a small scale before piloting in a larger class.

The most successful Honors Contracts *empower students to take leadership and initiative in their own learning*. Strong Honors Contracts may include high-impact practices like service-learning, undergraduate research, global/diversity foci, off campus or out of classroom experiences. All Honors Contracts should include an end-of-term deliverable, such as a presentation, portfolio, essay, podcast, etc., which students may disseminate more widely beyond the course (e.g. to community stakeholders, a research conference, an Honors event).

To apply for Honors credit, please complete the following form and submit it to the Honors Director on your home campus by the semester deadline. Please also submit an original course syllabus (you may also submit a revised Honors Contract syllabus and/or other materials if you have those ready). All questions may be directed to your campus Honors director:

Dahlonega Campus: Dr. Margaret Smith (margaret.smith@ung.edu)

Gainesville Campus: Dr. Brynna Quarles (brynna.quarles@ung.edu)

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- Student Name:
- Student 900 number:
- Student Email:
- Course Instructor:
- Course Instructor's email:
- Course Title:
- Course (prefix, number, and CRN#):
- Location (Gainesville/Dahlonega/Online):
- Semester and Year of course:

In 250 – 300 words, please describe the content and aims of the Honors Contract. Consider in what ways the Honors Contract will enhance the students' learning experience through critical thinking, interdisciplinary learning, research skills, leadership, intercultural competence, etc. Please include specific information on how this Contract course will differ from the regular course (e.g., replaced or modified assignments, readings, etc.), any additional meetings and/or responsibilities (e.g., community engagement, undergraduate research). *Note that Honors coursework does not equate to added work or lengthened assignments*.

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In approximately 150 words, please describe the products and/or outcomes of the Honors Contract. Please be specific and provide benchmarks for successful completion, e.g. – 10 page report, 15 min recorded presentation, poster abstract submitted to conference, attendance at local event and 1000 word reflection, interview with community expert and presentation to class, etc.

Student Affirmation:

I have read and understand the procedure for submitting and completing an Honors Contract. I agree to complete the outlined Honors Contract. Should I be unable to complete the Contract course, I will let the Honors Program know. Signature:

Faculty Affirmation:

I have discussed the content and aims of this Contract with the student. Should the student meet the requirements set forth, I consent to him/her/them being awarded Honors credit for this course. I understand the Honors Program director will confirm the students' completion of the course prior to issuing Honors credit. Signature:

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