

Honors Contract

Only Honors students can pursue Honors Contracts. Regular Students must qualify for, and be admitted to, the Honors Program before they can pursue Honors Contracts. Honors Contracts are offered on a selective basis and only when it has been determined that there is no other Honors course being offered which would satisfy the requirements of the Honors student. No Honors Contract may be established when it is ascertained that the Honors student does not possess or exhibit mastery of the basic skills necessary to accomplish the requirements. The Honors student will continue to attend the regular section of the class and meet with the instructor additionally at least six times per semester for the Honors component. Additional meetings may be required at the discretion of the faculty member. Only 2 Honors Contracts may be counted toward the 18 hour requirement for the Honors Program Scholar Certificate.

Fill in all entries including signatures by typing the information in the blank spaces.

Student's Name _____ Student's I.D.# _____

Instructor's Name Charles Townsend Instructor's Position/Title Professor

Division LA Discipline PHL Course No. 205 Section No. *** No. of credit hours 3

Term & year when offered: Fall 2021 Spring _____ Summer _____

Honors section *** Honors CRN ****

1. Briefly describe the Honors assignment and list the specific tasks and objectives which the student must accomplish. (Use a separate sheet if needed):

***** will extend the final paper assignment (25% of the final grade) into an Honors level research and writing project by conducting more in-depth research than is required for the regular assignment and working with me throughout the writing process to assess and improve their arguments and writing. They will need to complete the final research paper assignment at an 'A' level commensurate with Honors level work. Writing well may entail writing more than the (6) page minimum required for the regular assignment, but additional pages are not necessarily part of the requirements of this contract. Our meetings will be dedicated to assessing possible topics, finding and approving the best sources, discussion of their arguments and points uncovered in their research, and working on the writing of the paper through multiple drafts and/or stages.

2. Faculty and student are expected to **meet in person, outside of class** at least six (preferably eight) times during the semester. For summer sessions, at least three meetings should be scheduled. When will these meetings be scheduled? Wednesdays at 11:00am via Zoom (specifically 9/15, 9/29, 10/13, 11/3, 11/17, 12/8 and any other day during office hours that is agreed upon). We will establish goals to be met in advance of each of these meetings. Our final meeting on 12/8 should be a capstone discussion of the completed paper. To accomplish this, the final paper should be completed and submitted to me electronically by 12/5 (earlier than the due date for the final paper in the syllabus).

3. Explain how the Honors grade will be calculated:

The final paper should be completed at an 'A' level commensurate with Honors work. ***** should also maintain a quality of work for all of the other regular assignments in the class that is of an 'A' level commensurate with Honors work. Failure to complete the final paper at an 'A' level will result in assessing the final course grade as a non-'Honors' course. Failure to complete any other work in the course at an 'A' level will necessitate re-completion after meeting to discuss.

The instructor must send the completed contract by email as a Word attachment to [HYPERLINK "mailto:honors@oakton.edu"](mailto:honors@oakton.edu) **honors@oakton.edu** **within one week of receiving the form from the Honors coordinator.** **This confirms to the Honors coordinator the instructor's agreement to do the contract with the student. Contracts sent by Honors students will not be processed.**

Signatures:

I, _____, understand that by signing this Honors contract I will be held to a higher standard of (Student: type the student's name) performance than students in the regular course.

I, Charles Townsend, understand that by signing this Honors contract I commit myself to working outside of (Faculty member: type your name) class with the student involved in order to generate a more challenging course experience.

Honors coordinator: Brad Young

10/21/2021