



University of Nevada, Reno  
**Honors Program**  
**Guidelines for Honors in the Major**

The Honors Program welcomes proposals from Honors students who elect to earn Honors credit by enrolling in a non-Honors course (numbered 300 or 400) in their major. For example, if a student's major is philosophy the student may contract for PHIL 3XX. Honors in the major is an opportunity for students to broaden and deepen their experience in their major fields. Honors in the Major implies a qualitative enhancement of the course, not necessarily a quantitative enhancement. Students who undertake Honors Contract Courses must demonstrate additional knowledge and skills beyond the content and requirements of the regular class.

With the assistance of the instructor, a student may earn Honors credit by completing the Honors Contract Course in the Major form. The type of academic activity described in the Honors contract must go beyond the normal course content and requirements. Work may include additional readings or assignments, written projects not expected of other students in the course, guided independent study or individual research, class presentations, additional student-faculty discussions, co-teaching, or any acceptable project that examines the course material in more depth than the regular class. The Honors contract requires a detailed description of the project and a timetable for the completion of the academic project. Refer to sample contract(s) as needed for additional clarification. Please attach additional page for explanation if necessary.

**To The Student:** Ask a faculty member in your major to allow you to take a scheduled non-Honors course for Honors credit. With the assistance of the instructor, complete the attached Honors Contract Course form describing the project or research activities in detail and a timetable for the completion of the project. The contracted class must be in your major. Only courses in the major numbered 300 or 400 are eligible for Honors Contract in the Major. Example: A biochemistry major may contract for BCH 3XX or 4XX.

The deadline for filing the contract with the Honors Program Office is by **October 1** for the fall semester and by **March 1** for the spring semester. First and second term summer session forms are due by the **first week** of summer session classes. Mini term classes are not eligible for contract credit. You must complete the Honors component of the course with an overall course grade of B- or better in order to receive Honors credit for the course.

**To the Instructor:** To make the learning experience more challenging or creative, Honors students may ask you to offer a non-Honors course in the major as Honors credit. If you agree to develop an Honors contract course in the major, assist the Honors student in completing the attached written Honors Contract Course form describing the project or research activities in detail and a timetable for the completion of the project. Only courses in the Honors student's major numbered 300 or 400 are eligible for Honors Contract in the Major. You may assign any additional work that reflects your interests and meets the definition of Honors-level work. At the end of the semester, after final grades are posted for the semester, the Honors Program will send you an Honors Report form to register the course as Honors Credit. The Honors Program will notify the Registrar's Office that the student's transcripts should reflect Honors credit for the course. Honors credit is given only to students who have completed the Honors project and who have received a course grade of a B- or better.

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**Honors in the Major Form**

**Eligibility:** Course contracts are available only for 300 and 400 level courses in the major. For example if you are a biochemistry major, BCH must appear in the course title such as BCH 3XX. Forms are due by **MARCH 1<sup>st</sup>** for the spring semester and **OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup>** for the fall semester. First and second term summer session forms are due by the first week of summer session classes. Mini term and Wintermester classes are not eligible for contract credit.

Student's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student's R# 000 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Current Semester: Fall 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Spring 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Summer 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Major(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Course Department \_\_\_\_\_ Course Number \_\_\_\_\_ Title of Course \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Campus Mailstop \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor's Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of the Honors Project:** Describe in full detail, the topic to be examined and the additional readings, assignments, or projects to be completed by the end of the semester.

- Nature of project (additional readings/assignments, written projects, individual research/study, class presentations, co-teaching, etc.)
- # of pages and # of references
- Completion date
- Relationship to syllabus/class

A copy of the syllabus of the class is required.

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**Student Signature** **Date**

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**Instructor Signature** **Date**

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**Honors Director Signature** **Date**

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE INSTRUCTOR BY THE DATE THAT GRADES ARE DUE.**  
Please return by campus mail to Honors Program 0112. 775-784-1455

Did the student complete the work required for Honors Credit? \_\_\_\_\_ Course Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor Signature \_\_\_\_\_