HONORS-BY-CONTRACT (revised 11-04-2011)

Academic term: Fall _____Spring_____ Summer____ Year:_______________________

Course Abbreviation and #: __________________ Course Title:____________________

Circle One: 
Freshman          Sophomore          Junior          Senior

NOTE: NO MORE THAN TWO HONORS-BY-CONTRACT UNITS MAY COUNT TOWARDS COMPLETION OF THE HONORS PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS. This contract proposal should be submitted by the first day of the third (full or partial) week of classes. Any change in this timing must be approved by the Honors coordinator. Once approved, this contract may be cancelled by the coordinator (in consultation with the instructor), if it is determined that the student’s progress in the course or in the honors-by-contract research project is not advancing at a level which is consistent with the overall standards of the College Honors Program.

THE COLLEGE HONORS PROGRAM
HONORS CONTRACT FORM, PART 1

Student information:
Name:_________________________ ID# ______________________
E-Mail address: ______________________________   Phone: ____________________

STUDENT’S SIGNATURE

Instructor information:
Name:_________________________________________Department:_______________
E-Mail address:__________________________________Office phone:______________

INSTRUCTOR’S SIGNATURE

HONORS COORDINATOR’S SIGNATURE

The instructor and the student agree to the following terms in order for the student to receive Honors credit for this course.

On a separate sheet (1) describe the work to be completed under the contract and how it enhances or differs from the normal work in the course and (2) indicate the learning objectives associated with the enhanced work and how will they be measured.
THE COLLEGE HONORS PROGRAM
HONORS CONTRACT FORM, PART 2
To be submitted to the Honors Program by the instructor at the end of the course.

Student's name:____________________________________ ID# __________________

Course abbreviation and #: __________________ Course Title: ____________________

Academic term of contract:  Fall ___ Spring ___ Summer ___ Year: ________________

Did the student named above satisfactorily complete the terms of Part 1 of the Honors Contract?
Yes ______  No ________

Student grade for course:________________

Comments:

Instructor's Name (please print or type):________________________________________

DATE

INSTRUCTOR’S SIGNATURE

HONORS COORDINATOR’S SIGNATURE
Honors-by-Contract allows a student to complete a traditional course for Honors credit, when the student and professor together agree to a set of enhancements in research (or performance) that raise the demands placed on the student to the Honors level. The enhancements proposed should bring added depth to the students’ understanding and appreciation of topics introduced in, or substantively linked to, the traditional course in which the student is enrolled. The Honors-by-Contract option provides an opportunity for independent learning and directed research. A student who is working on an Honors-by-Contract project should (1) seek to synthesize a body of knowledge within the chosen academic field and/or (2) seek to advance original research in that field. A student who has completed a course under Honors-by-Contract shall have come to possess a level of expertise sufficient for functioning as a teaching assistant for part of a class session. Ideally (and only when both appropriate and feasible from a pedagogical perspective), the student shall present the outcome of his/her work to the class as a whole.

The proposal for Honors-by-Contract is a plan for independent learning or research. The proposal should include: (1) an initial reading list, (2) a general schedule for periodic one-on-one meetings with the professor, and (3) a clear description of the suitably refined research, or study, product which shall mark the culmination of the project.

Since Honors-by-Contract is not limited to any one school or to any one department, it is impractical to offer a rigid set of requirements. Recent successful proposals include:

• (Chemistry) A project aimed at developing a business plan for a company working on the sustainable production of carbohydrate feed stocks.

• (Art) A literature review and class presentation on ‘Exotic Romanticism.’

• (Engineering) A project in compliant mechanics, including the design of a catamaran, a written report and a class presentation.

The Coordinator of the Honors Program shall evaluate each proposal for Honors-by-Contract, on an individual basis.