

## Special Topics Honors Contract

To graduate with a *Latin Honors Degree*, students must complete one or more "Honors Experiences." Under the quarter system, the mechanical engineering department specified a number of core courses, which could be taken to satisfy Honors Experiences, e.g. ME3201H, ME3301H, ME3701H, etc. In the semester system the H-designated course has been eliminated, but the concept remains intact. The "Special Topics Honors Contract" is designed to replace formal honors courses and involves a special arrangement between the honors student and the faculty member. In the contract the student agrees to do work above and beyond the regular requirements for the course (honors contracts can only be used in upper division courses). Simply doing more work does not make it honors work. The student must contract to do work which is qualitatively beyond the normal course requirements. Typically, honors contracts will involve more extensive use of primary sources, more creativity, more synthesis, more advanced analysis, and/or covering topics in greater depth. Not surprisingly, accomplishing qualitatively superior work usually involves more quantity as well. Although there is no formal workload policy in place, it is anticipated that the honors student will spend approximately 30 hours during the semester to complete the project. All students must summarize the outcomes of their work in a written report to receive credit for the honors experience; the format of this report is left to the discretion of the faculty advisor.

### CONTRACT AGREEMENT

Students Name \_\_\_\_\_ ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Local phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Course Number & Title \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain in as much detail as you can what you will be doing qualitatively and quantitatively above and beyond the regular course requirements.

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty Advisor: I agree to serve as an advisor for the above honors student, and I understand that the work will not be considered complete until it is summarized in a written document.

Faculty Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

FINAL APPROVAL The above honors student has satisfactorily completed the requirements for this honors experience.

Faculty Advisor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Honor's Representative \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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