

Dear Colleagues,

I want to thank you for helping your student to prepare an honors contract course for this semester. While the student should be fully prepared to share with you her/his particular interests and skills, her/his career and academic goals, it takes considerable time and energy on your part to collaborate with the student in order to tailor their learning to those goals.

I am well aware that this is extra work for you, and I wanted you to know that it is greatly appreciated. Our alumni have reported that their honors contract courses and the projects associated with them have given them an edge with future employers and graduate school admissions.

Past honors contract courses have provided students with several exciting opportunities. For example, one of our marketing majors created an advertising campaign for a local store for one of her contract courses. Another student co-facilitated a two-week leadership workshop for Navy managers, for which the student assisted with the administrative tasks of delivering the workshop as well as the development and presentation of the workshop materials. Students have also worked in faculty laboratories, and others have developed and practiced marketable skills and products (such as videos, websites, or a portfolio of wor