

Old Dominion University
APPLICATION FOR HONORS COURSE DESIGNATION

Description of an honors contract course: In general, honors contract courses satisfy more rigorous standards than are generally expected by the non-honors syllabus. An honors contract course must be 3-credit hours and a 300 or 400 – level course. An honors contract course should delve more deeply into the subject matter for the course addressing more sophisticated questions and methods. While the honors modifications to the course should fit within the content and intent of the course’s published description, the character and quality of the assignment should be augmented. Simply increasing the volume of work required does not constitute an honors activity; whenever possible, the honors assignments should be done as an alternative to some or all of the regular course assignments. An honors contract course should provide planned opportunities for the student to meet with the instructor to review, discuss, and revise, as needed, the honors components of the course. Before approaching an instructor with the request to make an upper-division course an honors contract course, students should be able to answer the following questions:

- 1) What do I want to get out of the honors contract experience?
- 2) What do I like best about the subject matter of the course?
- 3) What skills do I need for my desired profession or graduate school?

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