

HONORS OPTION CONTRACT

UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY

The Honors Option is designed to enable students to fulfill up to nine hours of Honors Program certificate requirements in courses for which separate Honors sections are unavailable. To apply for Honors Option, students must be in good standing with the University Honors Program. To receive credit for Honors Option work, a student must submit an Honors Option Contract and satisfactorily complete all contracted work. In addition, the professor must submit a copy of that work as well as a signed Honors Option Verification Form.

Successful Honors Options require planning, and most students begin the process during pre-registration. The more lead-time a professor has, the greater the opportunity to integrate the student's personal research interests and the professor's goals for the course. **Nota Bene: Honors Option contracts must be completed, signed, and returned to the Honors House no later than the end of the second week of the semester.**

Suitable Honors Option activities range from extra assignments to in-class presentations, critiques of scholarly articles, additional research or creative projects, and/or more extensive and theoretically informed versions of work required of all students in the course. Whatever form they take, these assignments should encourage work that is higher in quality, more deeply analytical, and that tackles more challenging terrain rather than simply multiply work assignments. Sample Honors Option activities from a range of courses are available on the Honors Program web page at <http://www.valdosta.edu/honors/pages/honorsoption.htm>. Honors Option Contracts are available in the Honors House as well as at the web address above.

1. Student Information: (Completed by student)

I, _____, am applying for Honors Option credit for _____
(name) (course prefix and number)

being offered _____, 20 _____ My Student Number is _____

My e-mail address is _____

2. Honors Option Agreement: (Completed by professor)

I have agreed to an Honors Option. At the end of the semester I will forward to the Honors Program Office a copy of the major work done to fulfill this Honors Option as well as return a signed copy of the Honors Option Verification Form that I will receive at the end of the term. In the space below or on a separate sheet of paper attached to this form, I offer a description of the student's Honors Option project:

(professor's signature)

(date)

(professor's e-mail address —*please print*)

3. Status: (Parts One and Two must be completely filled out before the Option can be approved.)

_____ The Honors Option is approved. _____ The Honors Option is not approved for the following reason(s):

_____ The Honors Option may be approved with the following revision(s):

(director's signature)

(date)