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***Honors College******Contract***

**Semester/Year**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Course: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Section Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Faculty Mentor: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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***I.******Introduction***

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Hereby contract for the designation of Honors College credit to be printed on my transcript. I understand that the following conditions must be met in order to receive Honors College credit:

***II. Attend Mandatory Honors Student Orientation***

1. I must attend **one** of three (3) mandatory Honors Student Orientation sessions listed in the Honors Calendar online.

***III. Class-Specific Responsibilities***

1. I must **complete all assignments** and meet all expectations as detailed in the course syllabus.
2. I must **participate** in class discussions and **attend class** in a responsible way so that I am a role model for my classmates.
3. I must **maintain a B average** (or greater) in the class for which I am contracting for Honors Credit.

**Learning Outcomes for Honors Credit by Contract**

The following learning outcomes address the pursuit of Higher Order Thinking which is at the core of the Honors Program mission. Therefore, upon completing the Honors Contract, the student is expected to have demonstrated the ability to:

1. Critically analyze significant tenets, debates, challenges, problems, or other issues within the discipline;
2. Evaluate the student’s own relationship to those issues;
3. Evaluate the discipline in relationship to those issues; and
4. Create a new relationship either of the student, or of the discipline, to those issues.

***IV. Honors Project: Proposal and Abstract***

1. I must complete a **critically-minded honors project** - consistent in type and quality with discipline and subject matter of the course in question - under the supervision of the honors mentor. To complete this project, I must meet with my mentor a minimum of six times. The parameters of the project should include, but not be limited to, the following:
* Demonstration of sufficient **analytical methodology and/or inquiry.**
* Integration of appropriate **discipline-specific research** methods.
* Proper utilization of **primary sources** and ample integration of **secondary sources** to support central focus or governing inquiry.

Using the aforementioned guidelines, I will work with the honors mentor to compose an appropriate **project proposal**. This proposal will be reviewed by the **LSC-CyFair Honors Council** and may require further modifications should it not meet the standards of The Honors College, or lack the necessary correctness. This proposal should include as many specifics as possible to better educate the Council as to the nature of the proposal.

Other details to consider in this proposal include:

* The topic being studied and/or investigated (including a list or range of possible subjects if specific topics are being considered)
* The types of sources that might be used (or titles of specific sources, if known)
* The method of research being implemented or forms of analysis being utilized to reach the desired goal
* Estimate the project length, scope, and number of required texts (or sources).
1. I must **compose an abstract or short summary of my completed research**, and submit it to the Honors College by the appropriate deadline prior to Honors Day. This abstract should include a **title** and **four statements** that attempt to explain:
* **What** were the **objectives** of the research?
* **How** was the research conducted? (Ex: polls, literature review, primary source research, etc.)
* **What** results were obtained?
* **Why** are the findings important? (The significance of the results)

**DOWNLOAD HONORS PROJECT PROPOSAL AND HONORS ABSTRACT FORMS AT** [**http://www.lonestar.edu/18234.htm**](http://www.lonestar.edu/18234.htm)

1. I must complete the project by the conclusion of the contract semester and submit it to my honors mentor for final approval. In addition to meeting reasonable standards of quality, the following responsibilities may be required of me (as determined **by my mentor**):
* NIH Certification (if applicable)
* IRB Application (if applicable)

***V. Honors Day: Project Presentation***

1. I must prepare my **honors project** for public presentation on **Honors Day**. The following parameters will be observed when planning my presentation:

* 10-15 minutes run time (with 5-minute Q&A)
* Works Cited/References
* Necessary visual aids, PowerPoint presentations, and/or materials, as needed
* Rehearse advice from honors mentor (see below)

2. I must **rehearse**﻿ **﻿my honors presentation** ﻿with the honors mentor in appropriate advance of Honors Day, so that I might make amendments to my presentation as directed. I understand that if I do not rehearse my presentation in accordance with this policy, I may forfeit the honors contract.

3. I must submit my **edited project** **abstracts to The Honors office** ﻿by the appropriate deadline. Other materials may also be submitted to the office such as:

* A detailed sentence outline of the honors project; OR
* Relevant research materials (if a survey was conducted); OR
* A completed copy of the written project; OR
* A completed copy of the PowerPoint presentation used on Honors Day

4. I must **present my honors project on Honors Day**.

***VI. Honors College Citizenship***

1. I will attend at least **three (3) special events** scheduled for honors students on my campus during the course of the current semester. I will consult my honors mentor and/or the honors director to discuss which events would be best suited for me.

2. I will attend Honors Day presentations and support my fellow honors students.

3. I will complete an evaluation of the contract, faculty mentor, and the overall experience at the end of the semester.

***VII. Agreement and Signatures***

I understand that I must satisfy the aforementioned terms of the honors contract for Honors College credit to be awarded. I further understand that I must maintain a B average in my regularly scheduled class and in my contract work. If I am not maintaining that average at midterm, or if I am not progressing according to the timeline established with the honors mentor, I may be **dropped** from the honors contract.

***I understand that my mentor's approval is necessary for my contract application to be accepted.***

Student Signature **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Faculty Mentor Signature **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** Date: **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**