

WAYNE STATE
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IRVIN D. REID
HONORS COLLEGE

Honors Option

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Definition of Honors Option

Honors Option is designed to allow an Honors College student in good standing (3.30 cumulative GPA or better) to earn Honors credit for any undergraduate class at the **2000-level or above**. The course and additional Honors coursework must be taught by a full-time faculty member (Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Professor, Senior Lecturer or Lecturer as listed in the WSU Directories on www.wayne.edu).

Additional Honors Coursework

The additional assignment or project must be documented with the attached form and supporting materials by the end of the fourth week of classes. The Honors coursework should be separate from the regular class assignments and should not be factored into the final grade for the course. No extra credit is assessed or earned. **It is important that the Honors student be able to articulate the additional work required and how that coursework enhances the class above and beyond the requirements in the course syllabus.**

Examples of previously approved Honors coursework includes:

- Significant (10% or more) additional homework problems related to the class material
- 10-page research paper
- Additional reading material with a paper or paper plus oral presentation
- Creative projects such as additional music composition or art piece
- Addition of a Service-Learning component (see <http://www.communityengagement.wayne.edu/service-learning-elements.php> for definitions and guidelines). Approved Service-Learning proposals will require student to register for HON 3000 (0 cr. S/U).

Submitting the Proposal

It is the student's responsibility to ensure that the Honors Option proposal is complete and has been submitted on time. Honors Option proposals will be reviewed during the fifth week of classes. Students will be sent feedback to their WSU e-mail address and be allowed one revision, if required. All Honors Option proposals must be finalized no later than the sixth week of classes. Incomplete proposals will be considered null and void.

Earning Honors Credit

At the end of the semester, the instructor will be contacted via WSU e-mail and asked to provide an evaluation including the following information:

- Student's name
- WSU ID or AccessID
- Overall grade for the course
- Grade on Honors Option work

The evaluation is due to honors@wayne.edu within 72 hours after the last final examination day. Multiple students may be included in the same e-mail.

Students must complete both the class and the Honors Option coursework with a B (3.00) or better in order to earn Honors Credit. The notation "Honors Option" will be added to the student's transcript - usually within the three weeks of the following semester.

Questions?

Please contact us at honors@wayne.edu or (313) 577-3030

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Course: _____ **Term:** _____

Service Learning Proposal: Check here if you are requesting this course to be considered as a Service Learning course (see <http://www.communityengagement.wayne.edu/service-learning-elements.php> for additional guidelines)

Student Name: _____

WSU ID: _____

WSU e-mail: _____

Phone number: _____

Faculty Name: _____

Title (check one) Assistant Professor Associate Professor Professor Lecturer Senior Lecturer

Department: _____

WSU e-mail: _____

Phone number: _____

Honors Option Checklist (to be completed by the Honors student):

- Complete this form
- Attach copy of course syllabus
- Include typed proposal identifying the additional assignment and explaining why this extra work qualifies for Honors credit (250 words maximum)
- Sign form and obtain instructor's signature. Some departments, such as Communication, English, and Biology, require departmental approval.
- Submit form, syllabus and proposal no later than the end of the fourth week of classes
- If notified, make required revisions and return to Honors no later than the end of the sixth week of classes.

Agreement between Instructor and Student

I agree to the terms of the Honors Option Proposal as outlined in the materials above. I understand that the arrangement may be altered or cancelled during the course of the semester with the consent of all parties involved (instructor, student and Honors College representative).

Student's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Instructor's Signature: _____

Date: _____

For office use only:

Date received:	Data Entry:	Confirmation:	Revision:	Evaluation:
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