

## Honors Contract Application

**Student Name:**

**Student Email:**

**Student Major(s):**

**Student Minor(s)**

**Faculty Name:**

**Faculty Email:**

**Faculty Department:**

**Date:**

**For what course are you proposing the H-contract? (Provide the course number, name, section, quarter, and year)?**

**What Honors' requirement would you like met with this course and contract?**

### **Description of H-contracts**

An H-Contract class is one in which an Honors student and the instructor work together to modify the requirements of a regular class in a significant manner so the student can meet specific Honors requirements with the course. A contract for the change in the course must be written jointly by the student and faculty, and approved by the Honors Council, before the student takes the course. Deadlines will vary by quarter, so students must contact the Honors office early to determine the timeline.

The criteria for making a regular course count for Honors via an H-contract match those used in evaluating whether any course can be offered as an Honors section (of course, how this happens in an H-contract class will be more individualized than in a typical Honors course, and not every element is evident in each Honors experience.): Honors courses do not qualify as Honors courses simply by adding work for students on top of what is required in non-Honors courses; instead, they aim to enhance students' scholarly experiences. They should be more rigorous, including more depth and/or breadth in the topic, and more student engagement, involving for example more discussion, writing, and focused projects. They should include components that teach advanced critical and creative thinking (e.g., interdisciplinary elements, engagement with primary sources, diverse perspectives and critical approaches, ethical issues, epistemological issues), and may include innovative pedagogy. In these classes, students are encouraged to engage with difficult issues and learn from each other through their exchanges.

Please submit as a Word file to the Director or Associate Director ([george.potts@du.edu](mailto:george.potts@du.edu) or [shawn.alfrey@du.edu](mailto:shawn.alfrey@du.edu)) by the agreed upon date. We are happy to work with you as you develop the contract.

**Regular course description**

**Indicate how this course provides an Honors experience for the students. What elements are added or changed and how do they relate to the description of Honors courses on the first page? (Use additional pages if necessary). You may also attach the regular class syllabus, a reading list, etc. to clarify the description.**