



## Policy on “Honorizing” a Course

While it is preferable for students to enroll in designated Honors Courses specifically designed to meet the rigorous expectations of the Honors Program, we understand that, in some cases, students may need to enhance a non-Honors course to count for Honors credit. This process, known as “Honorizing” a Course, allows students to work with the course instructor to add an extra component that aligns with one or more of the Honors Learning Outcomes.

### Honors Learning Outcomes

1. Creative Inquiry and Critical Curiosity
2. Sophisticated Interdisciplinary Communication
3. Advanced Research Proficiency and Innovation
4. Cultural Humility
5. Social Connectedness and Community Engagement
6. Empowered Self-Discovery and Growth

### Suggested Options for Honorizing a Course

- Research Paper: Completing an additional, in-depth research paper relevant to the course topic.
- Presentation: Leading class discussions, presenting research, or engaging in oral communication activities that enhance understanding of course material.
- Hands-On Experience: Engaging in a practical, hands-on project, possibly with a community partner, that extends beyond the scope of the course while connecting to its learning objectives.
- Any other high impact practice that will enrich the student’s experience of the non-Honors course and elevate it to standard expectation of what a typical Honors course would entail.

### Course Limitations and Approval

- Students may not use more than two Honorized courses to fulfill their Honors course requirements unless a special exception is made.
- All Honorized courses must receive approval from the Honors Program Director prior to implementation. Faculty seeking approval for Honorized content must submit an Enhanced Honors Course Contract form, found on the Faculty Resources Page of the Honors Website.

All Honorized components must be mutually agreed upon by the student and instructor at the beginning of the semester. Honorizing is intended as an *occasional* solution when Honors-specific courses are not available, and all efforts should be made to take dedicated Honors courses *whenever possible*.