

# Honors Contract

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Course Name/Number

\_\_\_\_\_

Semester

\_\_\_\_\_

Professor / Mentor

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to pursue honors credit by completing the project

(Print student name)

described below in addition to the normal class work load for this course. If at any time I feel that I am unable to complete the honors assignment, I may revert to non-honors status without penalty. I understand that the professor also has the right to terminate this contract if he or she believes that I am failing to live up to its requirements. I also understand that the **Honors designation will only be given if the professor and/or the Honors Committee determine the project meets honors standards.**

In exchange for satisfactory completion of the requirements below, the student will receive honors designation on his or her transcript and receive all of the recognition and honors given to Alvin Community College honors students. In addition, the student is eligible for scholarship awards from the Honors Program.

This project will adhere to the following criteria:

1. Must demonstrate critical thinking in the subject area
2. Must include research, culminating in a research paper (Mentoring professors, department chairs, and/or honors committee can approve topics and determine length, number of sources, and documentation style preferred.)
3. At least half of the sources used must be scholarly peer-reviewed sources or must come from mentor-approved databases among the ACC TexShare subscription databases
4. May include visual aids such as poster or PowerPoint slides

**Mentoring professor:** Write a description of the project and an explanation of how this project differs from regular course requirements.

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In addition to the above criteria, the student agrees to the following:

- Submit a completed contract by the end of Week 4**
- Attend an orientation session with the mentoring professor outlining expectations for the project
- Meet at least 4 times during the semester with the mentoring professor to discuss the progress on the project
- Attend class regularly, missing no more than the equivalent of 2 weeks of class in a 16-week semester
- Participate in class discussions and activities
- Submit an outline, abstract, prospectus, or bibliography for the project by the end of Week 9**
- Complete the honors project and the Presentation Rehearsal by the end of Week 13. This Presentation Rehearsal can be with done with the mentoring professor or with the Honors Student Organization (HSO) at a regular meeting.**
- Complete all course requirements and earn at least a B in the course.
- At the end of Week 15, present and defend the quality of the work to the mentoring professor and the Honors Committee at the student mock-conference.**
- I also agree to allow Alvin Community College to publicize the resulting work, giving full credit.

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Student signature

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Department Chair signature

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Instructor signature

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Honors Committee Chair signature

### Student contact information (printed):

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