ELIGIBILITY FOR HONORS BY CONTRACT

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GUIDELINES

1. The student must have been accepted into the FSU Honors Program.
2. An “Honors by Contract” form should be obtained from the Honors Program Director and filled out by the end of the fourth week of the semester. The form is then returned to the Honors Program Director, who signs it. After all signatures have been obtained, the professor keeps the original, and the student and Honors Program Director keep copies.
3. Students who are doing research projects should submit, along with the contract, a typed 250-word proposal of the research project, including a working bibliography. A course may require a research, or the honors student can work out other course specific requirements such as field work or a leadership. It is still recommended that the student write some type of follow up report or paper.
4. A typical honors research project consists of the following: a typed 3,000-word research paper that is original in style and content and represents a comprehensive study of a topic pertinent to the course. Students will use either MLA or APA guidelines. The math, sciences, education, and some social sciences honors projects may have different guidelines.
5. Topics should be more advanced than regular course work; research should be beyond the normal course assignment; and the student is engaged in critical thinking and extended analysis not required in regular course work.
6. Students must have a 3.3 cumulative Grade Point Average and a minimum of 12 hours of college credit at FSU.
7. The instructor should arrange to meet with the student throughout the semester or term to check on progress, work out details, etc. Three or four meetings are suggested.
8. The “Honors by Contract” project paper must be submitted in addition to any writing requirements that the course may originally carry.
9. In order for an honors student to be given credit for an “Honors by Contract” course, the student must earn an “A” or “B” in the class and on the project.
10. At the completion of the project, the professor will grade it, sign the Grade Certification section of the “Honors by Contract,” and return both the “Honors by Contract” and the paper (project) to the Director of the FSU Honors Program for final approval.
11. After approval by the Director, a memorandum is sent to the Registrar to have Honors Credit enter on the student’s record.
Fayetteville State University’s Honors Program in Criminal Justice

The purpose of the Honors Program in Criminal Justice is to allow exceptionally able, ambitious, and self-motivated students to do independent, original work, as well as to pursue further study in crime and justice-related fields.

REQUIREMENTS:

1.) Admission. Students majoring in Criminal Justice (teaching or non-teaching) must complete an Application for Admission into the Honors Program (uncfsuhonors.edu), earn a minimum of 12 semester hours at FSU, and have a cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.2. Applications are accepted only in the spring semester. In addition, the student must secure two letters of recommendation (one of which must be from a college faculty) and write a 250-500 word essay. Admission is based on the student’s demonstrated Honors potential at FSU. Transfer students must not have more than 60 semester hours.

2.) Courses. A grade of “B” or better is required to earn honors credit for the honors course. (Failure to earn honors credit would not prevent a student from earning course credit with a final grade of “C” or “D”). The department requires that each student sign a contract for each honors course in the major. The contract details and explains the extra assignments and projects for the honors students enrolled in the course. To maintain eligibility to enroll in honors courses (or seek honors credit in regular classes), students must maintain a minimum cumulative 3.2 Grade Point Average with at least 12 earned hours per semester. Students must complete at least four courses designated as Honors in the University College.

3.) Service Learning Experiences, Events, and Other Extracurricular Activities. Students in Honors Criminal Justice are assigned a departmental Honors Coordinator, who will design appropriate service learning experiences (internships, cooperative education, Study-Abroad, student conferences, etc.) in the program.

4.) Certification Requirements. Students must complete 21-24 hours of honors credit in consultation with the Honors Coordinator in the major. Three hours (3) must be GEOG220 (World Regional Geography-Divers Global) or SOCI150 (The Global Society, our Honors Learning Community courses). To graduate with Honors in Criminal Justice, a student must complete 24 hours of honors credit, 3 to 6 of which are at the University College level, and 18 of which are in the major, or upper division. The Criminal Justice honors student must complete the following six honors courses in the major: A choice of CRJC 351 (Special Problems in Criminal Justice) or CRJC 370 (Special Topics in Criminal Justice); CRJC 420 (Criminological Theory); CRJC 411 (Criminal Justice Research); CRJC 450 (Seminar in Criminal Justice); and 6 hours of CRJC 430 (Internship in Criminal Justice). In consultation with the department Honors Coordinator and the Honors Program Director, the student must successfully complete at least three hours of independent research at the Honors level (part of the 18 hours) and/or write an honors thesis that is approved by two Criminal Justice faculty and the Honors Program. This requirement may be fulfilled through the Seminar in Criminal Justice course. The student must successfully defend the Honors thesis in a public forum that will include members of the faculty and fellow students. Students who participate in a Study-Abroad may
earn six credit hours toward their degree, thus reducing the 30 Honors credit expectation by six hours.**

5.) In addition to satisfying the standard course requirements, the honors student will satisfactorily complete the following work to receive honors credit. The specific assignment(s) and requirements will be determined by the instructor of the course. The following list represents some potential assignments the honors student may be asked to complete. This list is not comprehensive and is subject to change.
   a. Reaction papers
   b. Article critiques
   c. Book reviews
   d. Annotated bibliographies
   e. Case studies
   f. Policy Analysis papers

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Student_________________ Banner #_____________________

Course_________________ Section # ___________________

Professor _______________ Semester/Year_________________

I agree to do the above project in accordance with the Honors and departmental standards.

Student ______________________ Date_________________

Instructor _________________ Date_________________

Department Chair ___________ Date_________________

Honors Program Director ____________ Date_________________

HONORS CERTIFICATION

Honors Project Completed and Accepted: No__ Yes__ Final Course Grade:_____

I certify the above-named student has satisfactorily completed the Honors by Contract in this course, according to the standards of department, the Fayetteville State University, and the Honors Program Guidelines.

Instructor_______________ Date_____________

Department Chair____________ Date________________

Honors Program Director__________ Date_________________