

## ELIGIBILITY FOR HONORS BY CONTRACT

An honors contract is for additional and meritorious work completed in conjunction with the regular class. The in-depth honors study project should center on inquiry, discovery, and critical thinking. It should be a project above and beyond the normal requirements and expectations of the course. Students must be members of the Fayetteville State University's Honors Program, and, preferably, professors should be full-time members of the faculty. Any FSU Honors Program student who has a disability that may prevent him or her from fully demonstrating his or her abilities should contact the Honors Program Director to discuss if accommodations are available or possible to complete course requirements.

### 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 paper, or the honors student can work out other course specific requirements such as field work or a leadership project. 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.

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All honors students enrolled as a major in the B.A. in Communication degree program must satisfy the following coursework to receive credit as a Communication Honors recipient.

COMM205 Honors (Intro to Communication)  
COMM210 Honors (Intro to Mass Communication)  
SPEE310 Honors (Public Speaking)  
COMM385 Honors (International Communication)  
SPEE430 Honors (Intercultural Communication)

Plus:

SPEE490 Honors (Communication Research) – Speech Track

Or

COMM490 Honors (Mass Communication Research) – Mass Communication Track

Total: 18 credit hours

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Course COMM205H Section # \_\_\_\_\_

Professor \_\_\_\_\_ Semester/Year \_\_\_\_\_

In addition to satisfying the standard course requirement, the student will satisfactorily complete the following work to receive honors credit. (Provide a summary of the proposal below)

Comm210H is the introductory course to Speech Communication for all Communication majors. In addition to the normally required assignments for the course, all honors students are required to complete an annotated bibliography of some of the major works in the discipline of Speech Communication and write a book review of one of those works, under the supervision of the instructor.

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Course COMM210H Section # \_\_\_\_\_

Professor \_\_\_\_\_ Semester/Year \_\_\_\_\_

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Course SPEE310H Section # \_\_\_\_\_

Professor \_\_\_\_\_ Semester/Year \_\_\_\_\_

In addition to satisfying the standard course requirement, the student will satisfactorily complete the following work to receive honors credit. (Provide a summary of the proposal below.)

SPEE310 is the advanced public speaking course offered to students wishing to gain more expertise and confidence with their presentation skills. The honors student must complete, in addition to the normally required assignments for the course, a comprehensive review of an on-campus speaker from the Chancellor's Distinguished Speakers' Series. The 7-10 page paper will include background of the speaker and an analysis of the presented speech.

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Course COMM385H Section # \_\_\_\_\_

Professor \_\_\_\_\_ Semester/Year \_\_\_\_\_

In addition to satisfying the standard course requirement, the student will satisfactorily complete the following work to receive honors credit. (Provide a summary of the proposal below.)

COMM385 is a senior level course that exposes students to information and relevant theories related to international communication with emphasis on the four theories of the press. Students will write a research proposal and a 15-page research paper with a given theoretical framework on information relevant to contemporary issues in international communication

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Course SPEE430H Section # \_\_\_\_\_

Professor \_\_\_\_\_ Semester/Year \_\_\_\_\_

In addition to satisfying the standard course requirement, the student will satisfactorily complete the following work to receive honors credit. (Provide a summary of the proposal below.)

SPEE 430 is a senior level course that exposes students to information and theories relevant to intercultural communication. In addition to completing the assignments on the regular syllabus, the honors student will conduct two in-depth interviews with individuals from different cultures outside the U.S. and write a 5 page paper based on the results of their interviews.

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Course SPEE490H (Speech Track only) Section # \_\_\_\_\_

Professor \_\_\_\_\_ Semester/Year \_\_\_\_\_

In addition to satisfying the standard course requirement, the student will satisfactorily complete the following work to receive honors credit. (Provide a summary of the proposal below.)

SPEE490 is the senior capstone course for all Speech Comm majors. SPEE490H is your senior honors capstone course for the major. In addition to the normally required assignments for the course, all honors students are required to complete an article-length paper suitable for submission to an undergraduate convention or journal, and present that paper to a jury made up of the Communication faculty, who will grade you. This open-to-the-public presentation will include a Q&A session.

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Course COMM490H (Mass Comm track only) Section # \_\_\_\_\_

Professor \_\_\_\_\_ Semester/Year \_\_\_\_\_

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COMM490 is the senior capstone course for all Mass Comm majors. COMM490H is your senior honors capstone course for the major. In addition to the normally required assignments for the course, all honors students are required to complete an article-length paper suitable for submission to an undergraduate convention or journal, and present that paper to a jury made up of the Communication faculty, who will grade you. This open-to-the-public presentation will include a Q&A session.

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