

Honors Contract Application

Mary Baldwin College Global Honors Scholars Program

Please prepare an application using the format described below. You should submit the application, **including a course syllabus**, with six copies to the Chair of the Global Honors Scholars Committee.

Description and Instructions.

An Honors Contract is a means of challenging a student to pursue in greater depth the subject matter of a course in which she or he is currently enrolled. This option is open to Global Honors Scholars only. Honors Contracts will typically be in the student's major or minor. A student must present a compelling case for completing an Honors Contract in a discipline outside her major or minor. The instructor of the course must approve this contract.

Honors contracts are not permitted for 100-level courses, teaching assistantships, physical education courses, experiential learning courses, or courses taken P/NC.

An Honors Contract must be **substantially different** from the regular course requirements; it should not merely consist of additional reading or the writing of an extra paper. The contract requires the student to engage in a higher, advanced, or more complex study than the restraints of the course typically allow. It must involve research conducted in collaboration with the course instructor, separate from and in addition to normally required assignments. Activities may include, but are not limited to, a longer paper than the class is writing that also uses different research methods or approaches; an oral presentation to the class or a public group; a research project; a video/audio project that reflects the student's findings; and creative writing projects. In most instances, students should plan regular meetings with the supervising professor.

Deadline.

For a full semester course, the student must submit six signed copies of this application to the Chair of the Honor Scholars Committee no later than Friday of the second week of classes. For a one-term course, six signed copies must be submitted no later than Friday of the first week of classes. After Committee review, copies will be distributed to the Course Instructor, Registrar or ADP office, Faculty Advisor, Chair of the Global Honors Scholars Committee, and the Student.

In some instances, students may be asked to make revisions to the Honors Learning contract before the committee grants approval. Students should make changes as quickly as possible and resubmit the application.

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Name:

E-mail:

Phone:

Class: FR SO JR SR

Semester/Year of study:

Declared major/minor (if applicable):

1. **Area of Study.**

Discipline and Course Number:

Course Title:

Course Instructor:

Semester Hours:

2. **Signatures.**

Student _____ Date _____

Course Instructor _____ Date _____

Chair, Global Honors Scholars Committee _____ Date _____

(Note: the chair will sign once the application is approved)

3. **Description of Activity.** What features (concept, scope, approach, methodology) qualify this proposal as an honors course, and not merely an extension of classroom work? **Be specific.** Please attach a syllabus from the course in which you are doing an honors contract.

4. **Sources and Materials.** List a preliminary bibliography of sources that will be most useful in completing your project. Include specific titles, authors, and years.

5. **Evaluation.** How will the supervising professor evaluate your work?

6. Attach syllabus, make 6 copies, take to the Chair of the Global Honors Scholars committee.