

## Student Guide to Creating an Honors Contract

Honors Program students can work with a faculty member to create an “Honors Contract” in any class on campus. This does not just mean additional work in the class. It means taking learning to a higher level. Have you ever sat in class and wished the professor could talk more about a certain topic? Or answered more of your questions? Or let you research an aspect of the class that *you* find most interesting? The contract can help make these things happen. Maybe you will be asked to approach the subject matter in a new way, or research alternative theories, or think more deeply about the topic, or write an analysis of a piece of writing, etc. The possibilities are up to you and your professor!

### Here are the steps to take:

1. Be admitted into the GRCC Honors Program. Apply at [www.grcc.edu/honorsprogram](http://www.grcc.edu/honorsprogram).
2. During the first week of classes, approach your professor with the “Start of Semester” contract form, found under “Contracts” section of the website, [www.grcc.edu/honorsprogram](http://www.grcc.edu/honorsprogram). Work with your professor to create the contract. This process may take a few weeks.
3. Submit the signed contract to Penni Weninger in 316 Main or scan and email to [pweninger@grcc.edu](mailto:pweninger@grcc.edu). **Please note that both you and the professor must sign the contract form.**
4. Begin your work! You should plan to meet with your professor at least two times during the semester to touch base and get help as needed.
5. When you are finished, submit the “End of Semester” form (Forms/[www.grcc.edu/honorsprogram](http://www.grcc.edu/honorsprogram)) to your professor for approval. **Your professor needs to sign this form.** This is due by the end of the course. Return this form to Penni Weninger, 316 Main, or scan and email to [pweninger@grcc.edu](mailto:pweninger@grcc.edu).

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