NOTE: IF YOU ARE ENROLLED IN AN HONORS SECTION OF A COURSE (e.g. section 220), YOU DO NOT NEED TO HONORS OPTION THE COURSE.

First step: Go to http://www.honors.colostate.edu/HonorsOptionIntent and complete the online intent to option. This must be completed by the end of the second (2nd) week of the term.

Second step: This completed form is due in the Honors Office by the end of the third (3rd) week of the term. The Honors Option is subject to the approval of the Honors Director. Honors Option guidelines are on the back of this form. Please type or print legibly using ink.

Name: ________________________________
CSU ID (8* not SSN): _______________________

Local Address: ____________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip: ____________________________

Phone: _____________________________

E-mail: _______________________________

Course Number          Section          CRN          Credits          Professor Name

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(e.g. ANTH100)          (five digit code)

Professor’s CSU e-mail address: _________________________________

I understand that once I have elected to complete an Honors Option, I must finish the project described below to complete the course and cannot retroactively switch back to a “non-honors” section.

Your Signature: ____________________________ Date: ______________________

Professor Endorsement and Assignment

I agree to supervise the following enriched educational experience so that this student may earn an Honors designation for this course. (Guidelines and grading information are on the back of this sheet.)
* You may want to attach a separate sheet for the description of the enrichment activity. Please include dates of progress reports, appropriate length of writing assignments, due date, and so forth. This description should be treated as a contract between the student and faculty member.

Description of Assignment: THIS MUST NOT BE LEFT BLANK!

Approved: ____________________________ Date: ______________________

Signature of Professor

__________________________ Date: ______________________

Director, University Honors Program
GUIDELINES FOR THE HONORS OPTION

The Honors Option enables an Honors student to convert a regular course into an Honors course when the instructor and the Honors student agree on an additional enriching academic experience. The Honors Option may be selected to fulfill the requirements of the Track 1 Honors Core Curriculum (“two courses in the major”) or the Track 2 requirements in the major. It may also be used for elective Honors credit.

Enriched Academic Experience:

The enriched academic experience is equivalent to approximately one credit of academic work. This enrichment should allow Honors students to pursue their intellectual interests and gain more knowledge about topics related to the course while fostering one-on-one interactions among faculty and Honors students. Some examples of course enrichment for Honors Options are listed below. In addition to these, there are many other possibilities.

- A research paper
- Additional experiments in a laboratory
- Written reviews of books or professional journal articles
- An oral presentation to the class or another appropriate audience
- Additional creative artistry
- A service-learning activity that is connected to the course’s academic content
- A design project

The Process:

1. It is the Honors student’s responsibility to meet with the instructor to discuss the possibility of an Honors Option. If the instructor agrees, the student and professor will determine the enriching educational experience and develop a plan for completion;
2. The specific requirements for completing the enriching educational experience must be clearly stated on the Honors Option form (on the reverse side);
3. The student and instructor must sign the agreement form (on the reverse side);
4. The student will deliver the completed form to the University Honors Program office in B102 Academic Village for approval by the Honors Program Director no later than the end of the third week of classes;
5. If the professor confirms satisfactory completion of the assignment, the “Honors” designation will be added to the student’s transcript approximately two weeks after grades are posted.

Grading:

The grade for the Honors Option will be the combined grade for both the regular portion and the Honors Option portion of the course.

Please Remember: This constitutes a contract between the student and the faculty member. Once the student has elected to complete an Honors Option, he or she must fulfill the specific requirements of the Honors Option agreement to receive credit for the course. Your professor's approval is required if you do not intend to complete an honors option you have registered for.