**APPLICATION FOR HONORS COURSE CONTRACT CREDIT**

**BIOLOGY HONORS PROGRAM**

*This form must be submitted to the Biology Honors Program (Dr. Siefferman 272 Rankin West) by the end of the second**week of the semester.*

Student’s Full Name:

Banner ID:

Phone:

Email:

Entry term:

Expected graduation term:

Cumulative GPA:

GPA of previous semester:

Dept/Course number:

Title:

Semester of the proposed contract course:

Please explain your reason for undertaking an honors contract for this specific course and how the proposed contract fits with your honors curriculum:

COURSES TAKEN RELEVANT TO YOUR BIOLOGY RESEARCH THESIS:

DEPARTMENT, NUMBER & NAME HOURS TERM GRADE

**HONORS COURSE CONTRACT STUDY OUTLINE**

Honors courses by contract require approximately 10-15 percent of additional student effort beyond standard course requirements. Please be specific in describing the extra effort required for the honors contract, including the extra contact with the instructor, items such as length of papers, scope of extra projects, etc.

**Activities**

(Please describe using specific examples and requirements or enter “N/A”.)

Schedule of regular meetings with instructor:

Literature and/or library research:

Laboratory research activities or computational activities:

Presentation at a disciplinary meeting or authorship/ co-authorship of a submitted publication

Poster or oral presentation at a departmental gathering, class meeting, or undergraduate research day

Other activities, such as grant writing, service learning, or community-based research:

Note: The student must earn a grade of B or better in this course to count for Honors credit (a grade of B- or lower will earn the student only the standard course credit).

Signature of Student

**Consent of Instructor:**

I agree to direct the Biology Honors contract for the student in the above-listed course. I will contact the Biology Honors Program at 262-7082 (Dr. Siefferman) if the student does not complete the requirements of the Honors contract.

Signature of Instructor Printed Name of Instructor

Signature of Departmental Honors Director Chairperson

**Biology Honors Course Contract Guidelines**

**HONORS COURSES IN BIOLOGY:**

To graduate with Departmental Honors in Biology, students must complete BIO 4518 Honors Research and BIO 4519 Biology Honors Thesis plus at least one additional honors course within the Biology Department for a minimum of 9 sh of credit.

**Additional Honors Courses in Biology:**

Students in the program can fulfill the requirement for a third honors course in biology in three ways:

1. Students may enroll in designated honors courses or honors sections of regular courses.
2. Senior honors students can, with permission of the instructor and the Graduate School, enroll in a graduate class for undergraduate credit.
3. **Students may negotiate an Honors Contract with a faculty member teaching a 3000 or 4000-level course. A student taking a regular course under an Honors Contract will do significant additional work in the course and meet with the faculty member on a regular basis during the course.**

**Biology Honors Course Contract Guidelines for Professors and Students.**

1. Students must have their research advisor’s consent before attempting a course with an Honors Contract.
2. Students must earn at least a B grade for the course to count for Honors credit (the student receives standard credit for grades B- or below).
3. Freshmen-sophomore introductory level courses cannot be contracted.
4. Students enrolled in both the Biology and University Honors program can take one course to get credit for both honors programs.
5. Students fill out the application form. The form stipulates what work above and beyond the standard course requirements makes the course an Honors experience, and indicates the criteria upon which the student’s performance will be evaluated.

Examples include:

A. Frequent, regular meetings with the professor to review progress (e.g., biweekly ½ hour

meetings).

B. Reading and writing assignments that extend qualitatively (and possibly quantitatively as well) beyond regular course expectations.

C. Opportunities for in-class student presentation of research performed independently under the professor’s guidance, when other students are not required to present.

D. Library, laboratory, or computer work that the faculty member considers Honors-level experience to foster greater student understanding of the course material.

E. Involvement in special events such as travel, lectures, performances, or other creative

activities for which the student will give formal account to the instructor.

F. Other activities as determined by the professor and student.

6. **All contracts must be written, signed, and turned in before the end of the second week of the semester,** and copies furnished to the contract professor and the Biology Honors Director.