

Indiana University Kokomo
Academic Honors Program

Guidelines for Honors Option Courses (H-Option)

Suggested Activities for H-option Courses:

Honors projects within a course are meant to enhance or broaden regular course work. They may be in place of specific course activities, rather than simply in addition to those activities. Typically the Honors student attends class and completes many assignments along with other students in the regular class. They are, however, registered for a special, parallel H-option section. Honors projects have included research papers, field work, visual or oral presentations, creative works, analytical library work, an annotated bibliography, a series of position papers, or any level of participation in a scientific project. The IUK Honors Program compiles a list of regularly scheduled courses, whose professors have indicated in advance, that may be used to fulfill Honors requirements, assists the faculty and students in building an honors section and retitling the course as an H or Honors option course. A faculty member or academic division may decide certain courses are inappropriate for an H-option.

The faculty member and the student have to develop and agree to an H-option contract to do this. They should agree on the proportion of the overall course grade (for example, 10%), that will be based on the Honors work.

Creating an H-Option Course:

Honors students enrolling in a regularly scheduled course should contact the instructor prior to or within the **first week** of classes to establish a basis for converting the course to an honors course. The student should notify the director of their interest.

When an agreement has been reached about honors work between the student and faculty, an H-option contract should be completed. The contract needs to be signed by the student and the instructor, and then forwarded to the Honors Program Director by Wednesday of the 3rd week of regularly scheduled classes or by Wednesday of the 2nd week of Accel or summer session classes. Failure to meet these deadlines may preclude an H-option or require the student to pay course drop/add or other fees.

H-option contract forms can be requested from the Honors Director (Robert Strikwerda, KO221, 765-455-9266, rstrikwe@iuk.edu), the Honors Program Secretary (Marsha Shaw, KO210, 765-455-9248), or from the Honors Program website.

Finishing an H-Option

Students must submit either their completed project (paper, video, webpage, etc) or a report on their H-Option to insure Honors recognition.