



INDEPENDENT PROJECT

COMPONENT OF YOUR HONORS PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

Policy & Procedures:

All students in the Honors Program are required to complete an Independent Project (usually bearing the designation of "395" and undertaken for a minimum of 3 hours credit), or to complete a project within the context of a Proseminar (HON 301), in order to graduate "with Honors in the Honors Program."

The Independent Project may be done with the advice of a member of the Honors Program faculty (and thus be registered as "HON 395"), or it may be done in the student's major department (HIS 395, BIO 395, for instance) to satisfy both departmental and Honors requirements. Some students undertake the "HON 395" in a department other than their major where they find a subject of particular interest, or even combine several disciplines for a project which falls outside of departmental divisions. Thus "HON 395" may be undertaken under the direction of one or more advisers not necessarily in the Honors Program.

The project must be an independent research project ("reading" independent projects are not acceptable). Archival or library research, field research and laboratory research are all acceptable modes of inquiry for this project. In addition, students who wish to undertake a creative intellectual activity (such as the writing of a play or a short story) may ask for consideration of such activity as an acceptable substitute for research if undertaken with appropriate faculty advice.

All Independent Projects designed to meet Honors Program requirements must receive a letter grade (no "Pass/Fail" option) and must represent at least 3 credit hours of work. The product should consist of the preparation of an extended paper or laboratory experiment with appropriate report, or in the case of creative projects, a form determined in consultation with your adviser.

The goal of the Independent Project is for the student to be able to demonstrate the ability to propose, examine and evaluate an intellectual problem in one of several modes, as well as the ability to carry out the project and present results with competence.

All Independent Projects to be submitted as partial fulfillment of Honors Program requirements must be approved in advance by the Academic Coordinator. Before a contract is accepted for review by the Academic Coordinator, the student is encouraged to attend an Independent Project orientation session (sessions are scheduled regularly throughout each semester). Students complete the Honors Program Independent Project Contract (attached) before actually registering for the course.

University of Kentucky Honors Program
INDEPENDENT PROJECT CONTRACT

(To be completed before enrollment in the course. Course must be taken for a letter grade for at least 3 credit hours.)

Student Name: _____

Student ID: _____ Class: _____ Major: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

_____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Course #: _____ Credit Hrs: _____ Semester Enrolled: _____

Expected Date of Graduation: _____ Date Attended IP Orientation: _____

Title of Project: _____

On a separate sheet of paper answer the following questions:

- 1) Describe the problem you will try to solve or the goal of the creative project:
- 2) In what ways is the project original (for you)?
- 3) In what ways will the project be independent?
- 4) How does the project relate to your overall educational objectives?
- 5) How will you carry out the project (type of investigation, materials to be used, form of final product/results)?
- 6) Timetable for work and completion (indicate frequency of consultation w/advisor, etc.)
- 7) How have you and your advisor agreed to evaluate the results of the project? (i.e. determine your grade):

PLEASE include comparable creative works, and other resources (e.g. library archives, interviews, etc) upon which you will draw.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name of Faculty Advisor: _____ Dept: _____

Campus Address: _____ E-mail: _____

I have read and approve of this independent project.

The attached contract proposal address the six questions related to the project to my satisfaction.

Advisor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Honors Program Academic Coordinator's Decision: Approved: _____ Not Approved: _____

Academic Coordinator's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Comments: _____