



Honors Course Section Proposal Form

Thank you for your interest in creating an Honors section for an existing course. Please keep in mind that Honors courses do not simply add more assignments or reading to existing courses. Instead, Honors sections give students direct access to the most talented faculty at USU and create innovative opportunities for hands-on learning. Our small class sizes and high level of faculty involvement mean that, regardless of subject matter, all Honors courses train students to be curious, to think creatively, to communicate effectively (orally and in writing), and to take responsibility for their own educations. Honors professors mentor and guide students in developing the challenging habits of thought upon which an Honors education at USU rests: critical thinking, independent research, interdisciplinary learning, and civic engagement. Please tell us how your course will meet these goals by completing the basic information form and submitting the appropriate materials as indicated below.

Faculty Name _____ A# _____

Department _____

Email _____ Phone _____ UMC _____

Is your proposed class an Honors section of an existing departmental course? **Yes** **No**
If so, please indicate the current course title, number, and any General Education designations:

If course fulfills USU General Education breadth requirements and parallels a USU course, which USU course does it parallel: USU _____ (the HONR prefix will substitute for "USU"). Please see ensure that courses meet minimum requirements of USU GE outcomes rubrics at: http://www.usu.edu/provost/academic_programs/geduc_univstud/designation_criteria.cfm

Proposed Starting Term (circle and add year): **Fall** / **Spring** / **Summer** _____

This course will repeat each (circle) **Term** / **Year** until _____. Check here if it will not repeat.

Proposed funding source (circle): **Department** / **Honors** / **Other** _____

This course will be taught on **normal course load** or as **extra service compensation** .

Department Head Signature _____

(By signing, you agree to permit the faculty member to teach this course during the designated academic year(s), provided it is approved, and you agree to the funding source indicated above.)

Please attach a syllabus for existing course (if available) and a 1-2 page course proposal that includes:

- Clear articulation of how your course meets any relevant General Education criteria.
- Details about how this course will also meet Honors criteria: how (through subject matter, teaching strategies, primary readings and materials, assignments, and writing) will you develop in your students the challenging habits of thought described above?
- **If a non-Honors syllabus is not available, please describe** the course topic and structure.
- Brief list of any teaching honors, awards, or recognition the proposed instructor has received

Faculty Signature _____

(By signing, you agree to teach this course for the compensation indicated above, pending Honors approval.)

Please email this form to the University Honors Program
435-797-2715 honors@usu.edu