Do’s & Don’ts of Honors Contracts

An Honors Contract is a mutual agreement between the Honors student and the faculty member on a project that will allow a particular course to be designated as “Honors” on the student’s transcript.

**DO's**

- Create a project that takes you deeper into the course content
- Engage in higher levels of thinking
- Involve your ongoing research or create a new research agenda
- When possible, present your project at a local or national conference (EXPO, NCUR)
- Stay commensurate with the number of credit hours earned for the course

**DON'T's**

- Create a project that is just "busy work"
- Create a project that you or the faculty member is not interested in
- Have no clear connection to the course
- Have little or no tangible outcome
- Submit a contract for work that has already been accomplished

In summary, a successful Honors Contract is one that is original and unique, engages both the student and faculty, goes beyond the normal scope of the course, has a clear connection to the course content, and is not vague.