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

DONT'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 succesful 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.