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M E M O R A N D U M

To: Professors Giving Honors Credit for Course Work:
From: William P. Mitchell
Re: Guidelines for Honors by Contract ("H" Designation)
Date: Revised September 30, 2009

If an Honors student requests an "Honors by Contract" in your regular non-honors course, thereby securing an "H" designation for the class, please follow these guidelines.

Honors students should distinguish themselves by standing out clearly in a regular class with a greater level of depth and vision, of intellectual sophistication, of the ability to see connections and being able to convey those qualities in both written and oral modes of discourse.

By collaborating with the student, you may come to any mutually agreeable arrangement as to what would warrant the distinction of the "H" designation for the course on the transcript.

Instead of adding a large quantity of extra assignments, the student should be expected to "shine" in the course and perform at a level head and shoulders above the rest. The following examples may help:

- 1) produce a paper done at superior level of depth and vision; or
- 2) provide a non-paper project like a lab experiment or computer program or composition of music or other work of art; or
- 3) give a sophisticated oral presentation; or
- 4) provide research assistance with a current project of yours which would give the student expertise in scholarly research methodologies as well as exposure to the most recent materials in a field of scholarship; or
- 5) demonstrate academic initiative and leadership that enhances the course in a way that can be evaluated and assessed.

These are only examples. We are open to any creative method of distinguished student performance. If you need assistance in developing an Honors by Contract, please contact the Honors School office at 732-263-5308.

At the end of the semester, we will return the Contract to you for verification and signature. If the contract has been met, then signing off is the last step in the process. Once you return the signed form, we will have the student's transcript designated "Honors" for that course.

Thank you very much for supporting our Honors students.