

# Fall 2026 Honors Contract Proposal

Deadline: April 15, 2026

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_@tntech.edu T#: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Minors: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected graduation term: \_\_\_\_\_

For which course are you proposing an Honors Contract?

Department	Course Title	Course #	Section #	CRN #	Cr. Hrs.

Name of Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_ Instructor must be a full-time faculty member unless the Department Chair also verifies that the adjunct instructor has the academic credentials and college-level teaching experience necessary to supervise honors-level achievement in the discipline and proposed Contract area.

## 1. Steps for Making an Honors Contract

A. **Consider your interests and career goals:** What are your research interests, dream career goals, passions, hobbies, academic interests? They do not necessarily need to be part of this course. Write several below.

B. **Email the professor as far in advance of the deadline as possible, and include this information:**

- Tell them that you are an Honors Program student, your major, and the name of the course.
- Ask when they can meet with you. Offer some available dates and be flexible.
- Attach this form after you complete section A so they can read about the Contract process and your ideas.
- Thank them for their time and consideration.

C. **Complete the following sections of this form in collaboration with the professor.** Enter the description and requirements on the form in the space provided or attach a document.

## 2. Mark all the following that apply to the proposed Honors Contract project.

- 1)  Research experience
- 2)  Community service
- 3)  Teaching experience
- 4)  Presentation experience
- 5)  Developing deeper knowledge of a specific concept relevant to the course topic
- 6)  Integrating this course's material with my interests in another field
- 7)  Reading seminal work associated with the subject
- 8)  Examining current events related to an aspect of the course
- 9)  Developing a specific skill not otherwise required for this class
- 10)  Gaining hands-on experience relevant to my career

**3. Describe what you will do to receive Honors credit.**

*Example: A nursing student interested in pediatric specialization combined nutrition education and therapeutic play in her Honors Contract. Using USDA MyPlate guidelines, I will design patterns and crochet a six-food playset to support a toddler nutrition teaching activity incorporating counting, fine motor skills, and hospital sanitation considerations. I will complete a reflection paper and present the project at the Honors Student Inquiry Showcase. You are welcome to contact the Honors Director (LRRoberts@tntech.edu) for previous examples, questions, or to discuss ideas for the Contract.*

**4. What are the expectations for the Honors portion of the grade?**

Faculty: Please detail criteria. E.g. number of peer-reviewed sources, length, documentation style, frequency of meetings.  
*Example: Student will base the play session plan on techniques described in “The Effect of Play on Pain and Anxiety in Children in the Field of Nursing” Journal of Pediatric Nursing (Díaz-Rodríguez, et al. 2021). Honors portion of grade will be based on: 1) Incorporation of relevant, accurate nutrition concepts in the 3-page paper. 2) Completion of food models using USDA standards. 3) Effective explanation of experience and intervention plan during Honors Inquiry Showcase.*

**5. What percentage of the final course grade will the Honors Contract work represent? \_\_\_\_\_%**

Faculty: A typical range is 10-20% of the grade, but percentages outside this are acceptable if both parties agree.

**6. Signatures of Approval**

**Student: Initial beside each in recognition of the requirements below.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I have worked with my instructor to complete this proposal. **I understand that any proposed changes in the Contract must be approved, signed by my instructor and me, and submitted to Honors@tntech.edu.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I will submit a copy of the project or paper with instructor’s comments, to the Honors Office by end of finals. For Contracts without a written component (e.g. code in GitHub), I will write and submit a 1-page reflection paper instead.

\_\_\_\_\_ **If the instructor changes, I will contact my new instructor and Honors immediately to amend the Contract.**

*I agree to the conditions above.*

**Student’s Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructor’s Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**If you are an Adjunct Instructor: See information on previous page and consult Chair.**

Verification of adjunct’s qualifications, if applicable: **Chair’s Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Honors Director’s Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**The student is responsible for submitting the completed proposal to Honors@tntech.edu or to the Honors Office by April 15, 2026.**