



# MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY™

## JUDY AND BOBBY SHACKOULS HONORS COLLEGE

### Proposal for Honors Enrichment Experience

The Shackouls Honors College offers a supplemental learning pathway to honors students across various majors. This pathway allows honors students to expand their learning opportunities in a limited number of upper-division courses within their respective majors, enabling them to satisfy the requirements to remain in good standing in the Honors College. Honors Enrichment Experiences give students and professors the opportunity to interact beyond the requirements of the regular course.

This enrichment agreement is a joint endeavor intended to facilitate a creative learning opportunity to foster critical analysis, enhanced skills, or an innovative project, contributing to students' professional goals. It is designed to spark a relationship between honors students and faculty members that might lead to academic mentorship beyond the traditional undergraduate classroom experience in a regular course. Students are expected to engage in academically rigorous activities that strengthen one or more of the following: leadership, research, teamwork, creativity, oral communication, professional skills, or learning in the field.

The Proposal form for Honors Enrichment Experiences is always available. However, the form must be submitted by the 10th day of class each term. Honors Enrichment Experiences are not available for Winter courses. In all cases, professors have the right to decline an honors enrichment request.

#### ELIGIBILITY & LIMITATIONS:

1. Only for regularly offered, upper level (3000/4000) courses that are required for their major but are not offered as a dedicated honors course
2. Students may complete a **maximum of two Honors Enrichment Experiences** (6 credit hours) during their undergraduate career.
3. Students may complete only one Honors Enrichment Experience per semester.

#### PROFESSOR'S RESPONSIBILITY:

1. Jointly develop an appropriate plan of Honors study including project outcomes and dates with the student.
2. Evaluate, provide feedback, and assign a grade to the student.
3. Submit required paperwork at end of the term regarding students' fulfillment of enrichment contract.

*At the end of the semester the sponsoring faculty member will receive the Enrichment Final Report Form from SHC staff. The faculty member should return the form indicating whether or not the work submitted meets the conditions of the Honors Enrichment experience and therefore should or should not receive Honors credit. This should be done by the last day of exams. Based on this information, the Honors College will notify the Registrar's Office about whether or not to apply the notation "Honors credit" to the transcript.*



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**Procedures for the applicant:**

1. Meet with your instructor of record to **request** an enrichment experience.
2. Meet with your instructor of record to **discuss and prepare** a course enrichment plan which must include the following:
  - a. Description of enrichment project activities
  - b. Explanation of how those activities will enhance your academic experience and understanding of the course material.
  - c. Explanation of how successful completion of the Honors Enrichment experience will be determined.
3. **Attach** a course syllabus along with the enrichment proposal with the necessary faculty signature
4. **Submit the** completed Honors Course Enrichment proposal form and required materials to the Shackouls Honors College at [forms@honors.msstate.edu](mailto:forms@honors.msstate.edu)

**DUE DATE:** by 5:00 pm 10<sup>TH</sup> day of class.

**Honors Course Enrichment - Approval Form**

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **NetID:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Faculty Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Faculty Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Faculty Department:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Course (ex. ART31XX):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Section:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Course Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Circle One: Spring or Fall 20** \_\_\_\_

**Required Signatures:**

**Student:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Faculty:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Honors College Assistant Dean:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_