

Honors Contract Proposal Example: Political Science

HONORS CONTRACT PROPOSAL COURSE INFORMATION

COURSE: SOW 3232, Social Policy

HONORS CONTRACT PROPOSAL

PROVIDE A TITLE FOR YOUR HONORS COLLEGE CONTRACT PROJECT

Social Policy Advocacy

EXPECTED ATTRIBUTES & OUTCOMES

Increased depth, scope, and/or rigor of existing course assignment, Increased interaction between student and instructor, Performance (research, writing, creativity, and/or synthesis) at an advanced level, Sharing the project with an audience beyond the class (publication, conference presentation, performance)

RESPONSIBILITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to the course requirements, I will be responsible to do further research and analyze a piece of Florida legislation in order to present an advocacy idea to a local group of elected officials. This will increase the rigor of my course work because I will have to input a deeper thought process into all my work, including searching for legislation, advocacy ideas and then an influential way to present this to an audience. This assignment will need more performance, professionalism, practice and time for these reasons. The advocacy piece of this assignment will be presented before an elected group of officials which hold power over Florida legislation. My information could possibly change the mindsets of people who have the chance to write powerful legislation that can change an entire group of people's lives, which is the goal. This assignment will have to be written and presented perfectly in order to make an impact and in order to achieve this, the professor and I will work closely together and meet throughout the semester in order to achieve a well-written advocacy piece. This additional honors assignment will allow me the opportunity to meet new people and areas, people in government, and become familiar with how the process of advocacy works. This will help me get a glimpse into something I will like to do in my near future and get my name out there as a good social worker.

WHAT WILL THE STUDENT LEARN (LEARNING OUTCOMES) AS A RESULT OF THIS HONORS CONTRACT?

In addition to gaining confidence and trust in my work, I will also learn; how to write an advocacy piece, how to research legislation and those involved in the making of them, how to give professional presentations, provide new information to an influential group and how gain confidence in my work. This assignment will allow me to greatly grow as a student and future professional.

NOT INCLUDING COURSE MATERIALS (SUCH AS TEXTBOOKS), WHAT ADDITIONAL RESOURCES WILL BE USED TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT?

Mainly online materials will be used in the process of this assignment. Government websites (house.gov, senate.gov, flsenate.gov, myfloridahouse.gov and similar) along with news websites will be used a lot during the process of the assignment.

HONORS CONTRACT TIMELINE

By Feb. 14th, I will pick a piece legislation to focus on and have my first meeting with my professor. From Feb 14th and throughout March, I will continue working and gaining knowledge on the piece of legislation, including; who controls the bill, and known advocacy for that bill already. I will begin the idea of the presentation I would like to achieve and have two more meetings with the professor in the first and last weeks of March. Most of this information will be done independently unless I need additional help or information from the professor. By the last week of March, I will have picked which group of officials I would like to give my presentation to and begin communication with them. The first two weeks of April I will finish, practice and perfect my speech and presentation in order to have it ready to present. I will also have another meeting with my professor. I will present my information in the last weeks of April in order to have the assignment done before May.

DESCRIBE THE FINAL PROJECT, WHICH SHOULD BE SEPARATE AND DISTINCT FROM THE COURSE ASSESSMENTS. THE RESULT OF A SUCCESSFUL CONTRACT SHOULD BE TANGIBLE.

The final project will be a presentation (most likely in PowerPoint format) that describes a piece of legislation, its effect on the community and introduce a new idea of advocacy regarding it.