

Petitioning a Course for Honors Credit

Sample Projects

The following list provides examples of the type of projects that have been accepted by the faculty in the past for Honors Credit by Petition. Faculty and students are encouraged to be imaginative and develop unique projects.

*Write 350-word reviews of 3-5 recommended readings for the course. The faculty member may ask you to find the 3-5 sources that should be reviewed.

*Develop a 10-15 slide PowerPoint or other visual aid for class or public presentation related to a topic of relevance to the course. The presentation could be presented to students in lower grades or in other courses.

*Expand the topic for the term paper for the course. Increase the word requirement for the term paper. Example: expand a 1500-word paper to 2500 words. The proposal for the project should note why this greater analysis is worthwhile.

Write 350-word book reviews for 2-3 books recommended for the course. See examples of book reviews in The New York Times and in your field. A good book review can offer a unique perspective on the material.

*Develop an annotated bibliography for a topic related to the course. An annotated bibliography includes a short paragraph that outlines the contents of the book and its value as a resource.

* Assist a faculty member with research. Example: analyze water samples and keep a log of the activity. Conduct research and analyze the data to the best of your ability given the information you have collected.

*Develop a poster for a research project conducted for the course for the Undergraduate Student Poster competition held each spring semester at Nicholls. Refer to the Office of Research and Sponsored Program web site for instructions on the poster competition.

Sample Projects for Service Learning:

*Perform a service learning activity related to the course. Examples: volunteer to develop and administer surveys for business, psychology or sociology courses. Note that the survey may have to be approved by the Human Subjects Institutional Review Board before it can be administered to the public.

Sample Interdisciplinary Projects:

*Develop an inter-disciplinary project for the course. Example: write a report on novels about science. Analyze films that refer to historical topics or science.

*Write epigrams, poems, or essays about your college experience or a topic that is being covered in the course. Take photographs or produce art for a special project.

Sample Models and Displays:

*Develop directions for an Honors Biology project or an Honors project in any field. Write directions for creating a model of part of the solar system.

*Plan a library exhibit or display on a person in the field under study or on a topic under study. Ellender Memorial Library has display cases and they are always looking for thoughtful exhibits.

*Create a model or a diagram and description of a physical or chemical process.

Sample of Original Research Application:

*Research recipes for some type of cuisine and create an original recipe informed by the research. Write about the research and explain your choice.