Honors Class Contract

Student: Michael Hansen  ID #: 804361097

Student admitted to Honors program? Yes  Current EvCC GPA: 3.68

Instructor: Kamil G Hamaoui  Date: April 2, 2013

Course Name and Number: Psychology & 100  Section #: HYS  Quarter: Spring 2013

If approved and fulfilled, this contract converts a transfer-level class into an Honors Class for the contracting student. Fulfillment requires satisfactory completion of additional Honors-level coursework or project specified below, with oversight and rigorous assessment by the contracting instructor.

Michael will complete a research project in line with what a professional psychological scientist would do. This will begin with coming up with research question, formulating a testable research hypothesis, designing a study, collecting data, analyzing the data, and presenting the study in the form of a APA-style research paper. In this process, Michael will develop information literacy skills by looking at relevant articles in databases, written communication skills by writing the research paper, and critical thinking skills by analyzing and evaluating the relevant research literature and discussing strengths and limitations of his own research study.

Michael and I will meet every two weeks for a progress report on his project. We will also correspond via email, and I will set up a discussion forum in ANGEL for the two of us to use. There will also be deadlines throughout the quarter for submitting different assignments related to the course project, such as the literature review, the research proposal, a document with the raw data and analyzed data, and the final presentation.

Assignments will be due throughout the quarter and the final presentation will be due on the last day of the quarter.

For each of the following four criteria for Honors Class contracts below, check those that apply and explain how the project or other additional work proposed will meet each criterion selected. Not all criteria need to be satisfied.

☐ Broader or interdisciplinary view of a topic/issue

☐ Deeper study or view of a topic/issue
Michael will select a topic and then look at the influence of various factors that impact the phenomenon under observation.

☐ Experiential work

Michael will conduct a research project on his own, allowing for the direct experience of the process of undertaking a scientific investigation.

☐ Represents work typically done by a professional in this field of study

Michael will complete empirical study in line with what a psychological scientist would conduct.

How will the student’s additional work or project be assessed? Please be specific as to your assessment criteria and standards:

Written work will be evaluated for meeting the specific requirements specified in the instructions. Responses will be scored for accuracy, clarity, precision, depth, and other relevant standards. In the end, a percentage will be assigned based upon the overall quality of the research project.

This contract must be submitted to Elliot Stern or Carrie Wyatt by the 10th day of the quarter for which it applies. Notice of whether the student satisfactorily completed the requirements of the contract must be submitted to Elliot Stern or Carrie Wyatt by the 1st day of the quarter following. In signing below, the student agrees to complete the work specified and the instructor agrees to oversee that work, advise and mentor the student during the quarter and assess the work submitted by the student using rigorous standards and assessment criteria specified in this contract.

Student (sign): __________________________ Date: __________

Instructor (sign): __________________________ Date: __________

A faculty peer must sign-off on the contract before it is submitted. The faculty peer’s signature indicates that he or she has read the contract and agrees that the additional work or project proposed goes beyond what is normally required in the course, satisfies criteria for Honors Classes and should be considered legitimate Honors-level work in this course.

Faculty Peer (sign): __________________________ (print name): __________________________ Date: __________

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_/__/ Received by CW or ES → receipt e-mailed to student/instructor

_/__/ Notification of completion due from instructor (1st day of following quarter)