

Innovative Approaches: Locally Designed Honors Elective Course Application



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LOCALLY DESIGNED HONORS COURSE APPLICATION

(Elective Credit with Honors Weighting)

This application is for **high school elective courses** designed at the local level for honors weighted credit. All honors level courses must comply with the Uniform Grading Policy (UGP). The UGP allows for honors designated courses under the following conditions:

- A. An honors course must have a published syllabus that verifies rigor sufficiently beyond the College Preparatory (CP) requirements.
- B. Textbooks and other course materials must be differentiated and more rigorous than those used in CP courses.
- C. Honors courses may be offered in English, mathematics, science, and social studies. Honors weighting may be designated in other content areas for the third and fourth level of the courses, provided that the above standards are met. Honors weighting may not be designated in any physical education courses.

One half of a quality point (.5) is added to the CP weighting for honors courses that meet the three criteria listed above.

If core graduation credit is needed instead of an elective credit, use the *Locally Designed Subject Area Course Application*.

Email the completed *Locally Designed Honors Course Application* to **Nicole Ivery** at nivery@ed.sc.gov. Call her at (803) 734-6268 for questions or concerns.

An approved application is valid for three years unless new standards are written in the subject area. In such a case, another application must be completed and submitted.

SCDE Assigned Course Code:

Date Submitted:	
District:	
APPLICATION PREPARED AND SUBMITTED BY:	
Name:	
Position:	

Mailing Address:	
Phone Number, including area code:	
E-mail address:	
LOCALLY DESIGNED HONORS COURSE FOR ELECTIVE CREDIT:	
Name of Course:	
Subject Area:	
Length of Course:	<input type="checkbox"/> Semester <input type="checkbox"/> Year
Grade Level(s):	
Course Beginning Date:	
Course Ending Date:	
Course Credit to be Awarded:	<input type="checkbox"/> one unit <input type="checkbox"/> one-half unit
School(s) Where Course Will Be Implemented:	
TEACHER OF THE LOCALLY DESIGNED HONORS COURSE:*	
Teacher's Name:	
South Carolina Certification Identification (CID) Number:	
List all area(s) of certification/endorsement that appear on the certification:	
List any specific experience(s) or training(s) the teacher may have in this area of study:	

**Use a separate sheet and answer each question if more than one person will be teaching the course.*

Complete items 1-4:
1. Provide a short description of the proposed course.

2. Identify, in detail, that ways in which the honors level course surpasses the academic rigor of the CP level course.

3. Identify the curriculum, textbooks, and materials that will be used in both the CP and honors level courses.

4. Attach both the CP and honors syllabi to the application.

REQUIRED SIGNATURES

I certify that this locally designed honors course for elective high school credit will be taught by a properly certified teacher; is aligned with the state-adopted academic standards; is consistent with the Uniform Grading Policy; and was approved by the local board of trustees.*

_____ Date _____
District Superintendent or Designee

Print Name

_____ Date _____
District Board of Trustees, Chairperson

Print Name

_____ Date _____
Principal/Director of School where the course will be offered

Print Name

_____ Date _____
Course instructor

Print Name

**Use additional signature sheets, if necessary, and attach to this application.*