Honors Option Coursework Descriptions

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Honors students participating in Honors Options are asked to complete their Honors coursework descriptions with these specific elements in mind:
“Please describe what information or topic will be studied, the critical thinking process to be followed, and how the result will be disseminated.”

College of Business and Technology
ECON 322H Money and Banking
I am going to write a 5-10 page research paper over the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Act. I am going to research and explain the purpose of the Dodd-Frank Act, and research how successful it was. I am also going to assess the Dodd-Frank Act for its strengths and weaknesses.

MGT 490H Seminar in Organizational Behavior
Organizational Behavior is a course that focuses on applying organizational theory more into the classroom through interactions with students rather than strictly lectures. As such, my H-Option is to find a research question that I want to know more about, and narrow the topic to a specific, fine-tuned question! I am then to take this narrow topic and expand it through research. The result of this will be a written report and the opportunity to manage an entire class setting with my classmates in presenting my findings interactively, designed to help my fellow classmates understand the topic more deeply.

College of Education
CDIS 354H Preschool Language Disorders
I will pair-up with a clinician and serve as the Speech-Language Pathology assistant. I will help collect and assess pre-school patients. I will observe the allotted hours required for the course then write a separate paper that
analyzes my experiences and observations in the Clinic. To further my experience, I will relate my observations to scholarly articles and formulate a research paper that explains my observations. The goal is to distinguish Preschool Language Disorders and to learn and observe the best techniques to help repair these communication breakdowns. I am looking forward to getting one-on-one experience in the Clinic and will relate these experiences to the course material.

**PE 469H Sports Nutrition**
I will select a nutritional supplement and complete an annotated bibliography of literature about it. Twenty different citations will be found and each will be accompanied by a brief description of the article. The overall effectiveness of the supplement will be determined.

**TE 331H Intermediate Literacy**
I will research the topic of banned books in relation to the public school system. After researching the issue, I will write and teach a short lesson plan on the banned books and why they are banned.

**TE 400H Student Teaching Internship**
During my student-teaching, I will keep a daily journal. I will also be taking educational “snapshots” of my internship. This will include keeping records of my experience with lesson plans, work sheets, and activities.

**College of Fine Arts and Humanities**
**ART 319H Design Illustration I**
I will complete a project in Design Illustration in which I will translate images related to the form and content provided by the professor. I will analyze and synthesize data and visuals into abstract as well as natural forms using traditional and digital techniques. I will create visual art projects which will be submitted for critique and evaluation.
ENG 426H  Adolescent Literature
In Adolescent Literature I will prepare a 12-15 page essay and present to the class in relation to the books we will read.

FORL 470H  TESOL
I will observe various English as a Second Language classes (ESL) using the SIOP model to determine the presence of effective instructional practices. I will collect data and ideas for future use and present the information in a portfolio or paper.

JMC 300H  Web Site Design
I will create a web site for a client. The project involves: interviewing the client to determine her needs as separated from the wants and extras, design the site (colors and layout), to meet the needs; negotiate with the client on differences of opinion; explore hosting options for the client. And document how to update the site in an extended writing.

MUS 357H  Elementary/Middle School Music
I will research and explore options for the use of technology in the general music classroom, such as mobile device applications, Smart Boards, and interactive websites. I will write a paper which includes a list of sources, and will present my findings to the class. I will also compile a list of the technological resources and provide it as a handout to the class.

College of Natural and Social Sciences
BIOL 307H  Ecology
The main focus of this class will be the relationships between organisms and their surroundings. I plan to do a field/laboratory project dealing with mice and predators around campus. A possible angle will be something with wild v. captive mice to see if there was any difference in their reactions to the sound or sight of a natural predator (cat, owl, coyote, etc). The result will be a lab report.
BIOL 440H  Microbiology
I will research one disease topic and present the results to the class. It will be at least 10 minutes long. I will also write a reflection paper. The purpose is to have me apply knowledge learned in Infectious Diseases and through outside material gain a better understanding of the chosen disease and also obtain valuable teaching experience.

CSIT 404H  Software Engineering
To obtain Honors credit in this course I will either write an additional program or extend the main program required for this course. My critical thinking process will be tested by going the extra mile, doing something completely different than the rest of my classmates. Ideally I hope to learn much more about the particular language in which we are programming to better understand it and gain insight into how it can be applied to other problems.

MATH 430H  Middle School Mathematics
I will interview a 6th grade Math teacher, an 8th grade Math teacher, and a Middle School Principal. I will compose the interview questions myself and Dr. Nebesniak will review these. This will give me extensive knowledge on any future plans and goals for my career in Education. I will then contact the interviewees and arrange appointments, and send along thank-yous for their kind cooperation. To show what I learned from this interview project I will write a 3-5 page reflection paper, and make a 10-minute presentation to the class. This project will allow me to make connections with other teachers and principals, show me what it takes to maintain a classroom every day, and prepare me for my future career in Education.

PSCI 370H  American Foreign Policy
I will complete an additional 2 case studies, for a total of 8, and choose one of these additional case studies to extend into a longer research project which also result in a class presentation. This will be excellent practice for my future in Law school.