

CHIC/ENGL 110B
“Introduction to Chicano Studies B”
Honors Credit
Syllabus Addendum
(Monday/Wednesday 8:00AM – 9:25AM)

Professor: Manuel J. Vélez

Statement of Course Objective: This Honors Contract seeks to map out a challenging series of tasks that focus on extending the level of critical understanding and engagement with the course material.

Learning Objectives: By the end of the course the student, in accomplishing the assigned tasks, will be able to:

1. demonstrate a complex understanding of the role of community organizations in neighborhoods.
2. demonstrate an ability to conduct basic research and interview skills.
3. demonstrate strong articulation and critical thinking skills in relation to an analysis of their volunteer experience.
4. demonstrate an ability to articulate and think critically on topics related to community issues/activism.

Honors Assignments:

1. Student will complete a total of 12 hours of volunteer work with the Sherman Heights Community Center.
2. Student will write a 4 to 6 page essay describing the community center and the extent of his/her volunteer work.
3. Student will present a 10-15 minute presentation on the community center, focusing on the center’s goals and missions as well as his/her experience.

Professor/Student Meetings:

We will meet at least 5 times during the semester to discuss the direction and progress of the student’s work on the Honors projects.

Honors Criteria:

This Honors Contract differs from the regular course syllabus because it details a more intensive series of academic exercises that go into more depth than just the course work. I have high expectations for the quality of work and critical thinking that will be invested into the assignments. By completing the honors assignments the student will be better prepared to complete undergraduate work at a four-year university.

Evaluation:

The grade will be determined on a 300-point scale. Each assignment will be worth a percentage adding up to 100% of the extra 25% for the overall grade.