

## EXAMPLE: HONORS SYLLABUS

### SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE HONORS PROGRAM HONORS CONTRACT FOR SPRING 2010

**Humanities 104:** Introduction to the Old Testament, Professor: Sondra Frisch Units: 3.0

**TASKS:** In addition to satisfying the usual requirements of the regular Humanities 104 course, the Honors contract student will complete the following and more critically challenging tasks. (For more specifics, please see the attached syllabus.)

1. Read the following additional texts and / or others that may be assigned by the instructor:  
Friedman, Richard. *Who Wrote the Bible?*  
Graves Robert and Raphael Patai. *Hebrew Myths.*
2. Write an analytical / critical paper of eight to ten pages, dealing with an appropriate topic, chosen by the student, and approved by the instructor, incorporating scholarly notation.
3. Give an oral report of approximately ten minutes, dealing with an aspect of the paper OR of one the additional readings.
4. Write a three to five page critique of any scholarly video that deals with an Old Testament subject. Videos at Mesa's AV library may be used.
5. Meet with the instructor at least 6 times during the semester, to discuss the direction and progress of the student's work on the Honors projects: major paper, oral report, video critique.

**OBJECTIVES:** By the end of the course the student, in accomplishing the above tasks, will be able to:

1. Demonstrate an awareness and appreciation of other cultures' contributions and similarities to the Old Testament culture;
2. Demonstrate knowledge of the development and structure of the Old Testament text;
3. Demonstrate knowledge and evaluation of current Biblical scholarship and criticism, including feminist studies;
4. Demonstrate critical thinking and analytical skills in his/ her written work as well as in oral articulation;

#### HONORS GRADING CRITERIA:

Journal	20%
Pop quizzes / exercises	20%
Midterm exam	15%
Final exam	20%
HONORS: Analytical /critical paper	15%
HONORS: Oral report	5%
HONORS: Video Critique	5%
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