Sample Honors Addendum

San Diego Mesa College Honors Program

Honors Contract for Fall 2010

Philosophy 205: Critical Thinking and Writing. Professor: Michael Kuttnauer Units: 3.0

<u>Tasks:</u> In addition to satisfying the usual requirements of the regular Philosophy 205 course, the Honors contract student will complete the following and more critically challenging tasks.

1.) Read the following texts in addition to the previously assigned readings from Hurley's *Introduction to Logic* text (unless otherwise specified, all of the pages of the following texts must be read) by 12/15/10:

Descartes, René. Selected Philosophical Writings. Cambridge University Press, 2006.

- 1. First Meditations on Philosophy.
- 2. *Objections and Replies*, starting on page 123 (Specifically the relevant passages that correspond to the aforementioned)

Morris, Thomas V.

- 1. God and the Philosophers: The Reconciliation of Faith and Reason.
- 2. The Logic of God Incarnate.
- 2.) Compose a substantive research paper utilizing the sources assigned for reading. This essay will take place of the originally assigned essay, and will be identical to the original paper, with the exception that the length will be doubled (e.g. the actual text of the paper must be 10 pages instead of 5 pages, not including the title, argument, and endnotes pages). Additionally, the expanded honors essay must include 20 quotes from relevant sources (scholarly, respectable sources).
- 3.) The honors student(s) must schedule three meetings with the professor during the semester to discuss Honors reading material, as well as writing progress.

Regular Grading Criteria:

15 Quizzes on Hurley textbook readings 15%

Essay Installments 1-3 (Thesis Statement, Supporting Premises, Argument page) 30%

Essay Installment 4 (Defense of Major premise – **500 words**, **5 quotes**) 15%

Essay Installment 5 (Defense of Minor premise – **500 words, 5 quotes**) 15%

Completed Argumentative Essay (Fully edited, including all of the above, totaling 8 pages) 25%

Total: 100%

Honors Grading Criteria:

15 Quizzes on Hurley textbook readings 15%

3 Scheduled meetings with Professor (to demonstrate engagement with additional readings) 10%

Essay Installments 1-3 (Thesis Statement, Supporting Premises, Argument page) 20%

Expanded Essay Installment 4 (Defense of Major premise – 1000 words, 10 quotes) 15%

Expanded Essay Installment 5 (Defense of Minor premise – 1000 words, 10 quotes) 15%

Expanded Argumentative Essay (Fully edited, including all of the above, totaling 15 pages) 25% Total: 100%

Regular course = approximately 350 pages of reading, plus 8 page essay.

Expanded Honors course = approximately 750 pages of reading, plus 15 page essay, plus 3 meetings with professor.