

HONORS COLLEGE ALTERNATIVE BREAK PROPOSAL

Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania

Proposals must be submitted to the Honors College Office
by the end of the third week of the semester to which the Contract applies.

[The information on this Project Proposal Application must be typed or printed neatly.]

STUDENT INFORMATION			
Name		Major/Minor/Specializations	
Local Phone No.	Email	Class Standing (Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior)	
ALTERNATIVE BREAK INFORMATION			
Alternative Break Title		Supervisor/Faculty	Semester (e.g. Spring '19)
Location of Alternative Break		Department	Phone No.
Purpose of Alternative Break			
Dates of Proposed Alternative Break			
<input type="checkbox"/> I am applying for 4 HOPs as a student team leader.		<input type="checkbox"/> I am applying for 2 HOPs as a student team participant.	
SIGNATURES			
Student Submitting Proposal	Date		
OCEL Supervisor (please read accompanying instructions)	Date		
Honors College Director	Date	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Approved
COMMENTS/SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS (requires Honors College approval)			
<div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 50px;"> <hr style="width: 80%; border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black;"/> Honors College Director Date </div>			
HONORS COLLEGE USE			
<input type="checkbox"/> Student Notified Proposal Received	Date		
OCEL Supervisor: Final Project <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Not Approved	Additional Supervisor Comments:		
Honors College Director	Date		
<input type="checkbox"/> Student Notified HOPs Approved/Not Approved	Date		

See Instructions on # 2

PROPOSAL PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

The complete Alternative Break application will consist of this form, a completed copy of the Alternative Break application, and typewritten proposal addressing the four points below (two to five sentences for each point). The proposal should be clear and concise but thorough.

Introduction: A description of the program, including the program's goals and expected outcomes.

1. **Your Role:** A description of the roles and duties that you are expected to fulfill as a participant in the program. Briefly explain what you expect to learn and to gain from this experience.
2. **Pre-Departure Training and Preparation:** A description of the specific training sessions that you will attend to prepare for the project including dates and time commitments.
3. **Timeline:** Estimated time that you will spend on site during the break.
4. **Assessment methods:** Provide a description of how the completed program will be assessed by the program supervisors, including follow up meetings.
5. **Final Presentation and Paper:** You are encouraged but not required to give a presentation on your program to the SRU community. If you do so, please present documentation of your presentation. Participants are expected to write a thoughtful essay describing their experiences, reflecting on the lessons that they have learned and assessing the value of the program both in terms of how it impacted the target community, and how it impacted them.

PROPOSAL PREPARATION CHECKLIST

- The application form has been completed, including student and supervising instructor signatures.
- The written proposal includes each of the sections described above, is clearly written, and is detailed.
- The Alternative Break application has been attached to the completed proposal.

TO THE SUPERVISING INSTRUCTOR

Thank you for your willingness to serve as the supervising instructor for this Honors Contract.

Special Honors Projects are designed to allow students to gain Honors credit for unique and challenging projects that are not otherwise designated as Honors courses. The intent is to have the student go "above and beyond" the normal academic course requirements, and to engage in direct experiential learning under your supervision and with your guidance. A significant component of the educational experience in a Contract course is the preparation of the proposal itself as a well-written proposal requires not just writing skills, but considerable critical thought and an understanding of the topic to be addressed as well. Consequently, while it is expected that you will provide guidance, please ensure that the proposal represents the student's work.

Please note that this project will not be graded for course credit, but will count as the equivalent of either one or ½ of an honors course. The contracted work is intended to qualify the student for Honors Program credit only, and should be assessed separately from normal course requirements. Many projects are undertaken and completed outside of the normal academic calendar, and should be completed according to the proposal timeline.

Upon completion of the proposed project, the student will submit materials described in the proposal to you, and to the Honors College. Following your evaluation of these materials

Please return the completed form to the Honors College Office, 336 Patterson Hall.