Mechanical Engineering Department Policy on the Undergraduate Honors Option

i) All undergraduate ME courses are eligible for the Honors Option. Students wishing to pursue this option must initiate the process by making a request to the course instructor by the second week of the semester. The instructor may or may not agree to any particular request.

ii) The Honors Option designation is awarded only for work that is of high quality and is more intensive and/or extensive than regular coursework. Working of additional assigned problems or completion of an additional essay or book report does not, by itself, rise to the level of an Honors Option.

iii) The Honors Option can follow a variety of models as determined by the course instructor. Past successful Honors Options have ranged from demonstration-build projects to intense additional study of a key topic area to appropriately targeted research that can be substantially completed in the semester. They are often individual efforts, but can also be clearly delineated contributions to a team honors project. A concise written plan of the activities and goals of the student’s Honors Option must be developed, and approved by the instructor, by the end of the fourth week of the semester.

iv) The successful completion and subsequent recording of the Honors Option requires both fulfilling the Honors Option written plan and earning a grade of 3.0 or higher in the course.