

Today's Agenda

- ▶ Your Honors Facilitator presents:
Honors Learning Experiences
 - How to *DO* an Honors Contract





Honors Contract Process

Contracts

Completed in a class you are already taking

Establish at the beginning of the semester

15 hours over the course of the semester

Contract does not impact grade in class

General Education/Major/Minor/Your choice

Stuart Palmer is the contact for Honors Contracts.



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Be aware of the deadline.

January

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Week 1	No Classes Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday	Classes Start				
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Week 2						
28	29	30	31			
Week 3						

February

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
Week 3						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Week 4		Honors Contract Deadline 11:59 pm				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		



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Good to know....

- **Start early!**
- Some instructors, for various reasons, might be unavailable to collaborate
- Review the Honors Contract process
- Brainstorm ideas and possible end products
- Prepare for a conversation with your instructor



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Meeting with your instructor...

- Office hours, zoom meeting, in person chat
- Share Honors Contract resources from the website
- Suggest an idea unique to your interests and aspirations
- Finalize your idea with your instructor's feedback
- Complete/submit the Honors Contract form with your instructor



HONORS LEARNING *Experiences:*
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QUESTIONS TO *Consider*

As you review your course syllabi...

What sparks your curiosity?

What topic(s) could be explored further or extended in some way?

Is there a related topic that "seems to be missing" or could potentially connect to the course content?

Could a deeper understanding of a certain topic or creation of a unique product support your career goals?

INITIATING HONORS CONTRACT *Conversations*

Taking a Single Topic Further:

"I reviewed the syllabus and see we are spending # classes on this topic. I am very interested in this topic and would like to complete an Honors Contract to explore it further.

- If you had the time in class and could take this topic further, what would you do?
- What additional resources would you use? Are there scholars of this subject that I should know?
- Would you be willing to help me develop a plan?"

Proposing Interdisciplinary Learning:

"I see in the syllabus that we are studying this topic. I am very interested in learning more about how this topic relates to that topic by completing an Honors Contract.

- Are you aware of research that has already been done connecting these two topics?
- In what ways could I connect these two topics that could help me understand both more deeply?"

Creating a Specific Product with a Career in Mind:

"I am a(n) _____ major. I would like to apply the topics we are studying by developing a (name of a product) that I could use when I am a (career role) by collaborating with you to complete an Honors Contract."

Connecting an Interest to a Course Topic to Enrich Learning:

"I am interested in _____. I would like to connect this course topic with this interest by pursuing an Honors Contract. Would you be willing to work with me to focus this idea?"

Applying a Talent to Demonstrate Mastery of a Course Topic:

"One of my talents is _____. I would like to connect this course topic with my talent by completing an Honors Contract. Would you be willing to collaborate with me?"



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Pre-designed options are OK.

BSC 181/182: Human Physiology & Anatomy I and II

- Share concepts in discussion posts and respond to questions; share difficult topics and helpful resources

MGT 100: Statistical Reasoning

- Excel assignments beyond course requirements



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Working in a group is OK.

MKT 232: Marketing Research

- 3 students
- Assist a local business with marketing
- Develop materials, refresh branding, create a marketing strategy



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- Submit the Honors Contract form by the deadline.
- The Honors Program reviews for clarity and completeness.
No news is good news.
- You and your instructor receive a copy.

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Please read the information below carefully. Questions may be directed to [Stuart Palmer](#).

Fall Honors Contracts are due by 11:59 pm on Tuesday, September 13, 2022.

[Honors Contract Form](#)

Purpose

Honors Contracts are established at the beginning of each semester. Students should review the Honors Contract Resources provided above in order to be knowledgeable about the process.

1. Review the syllabi from your classes and determine which class would provide the best opportunity in which to complete an Honors Contract.
2. Develop ideas for possible topics, outcomes, or products for your Honors Contract.
3. Schedule a meeting with your instructor to discuss your ideas and options for an Honors Contract.
4. Either with your instructor or after you've met, complete and submit the Honors Contract Form by the deadline noted above.

Resources

[Honors Contract Form](#) [Process Overview](#) [Honors Contract Presentation](#)



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- Connect to one or more of the Dimensions of Honors Learning
- Plan one or more meetings with your instructor to discuss your progress and seek feedback.

Dimensions of Honors Learning

The Illinois State University Honors Program is guided by a framework that challenges each learner, regardless of major, to strengthen six marketable skills.



Critical Thinking

Go beyond your initial understanding to evaluate and make your own conclusions about what you are learning.



Interdisciplinary Learning

Discover how what you are learning relates to other fields and the world around you.



Information Fluency

Gain skills in evaluating, creating, and utilizing information and technology across various formats and platforms.



Creative Productivity

Show your understanding by creating something unique. Go outside the box to make your ideas a reality.



Leadership Development

Identify and enhance your leadership skills through collaboration with others to make a difference.



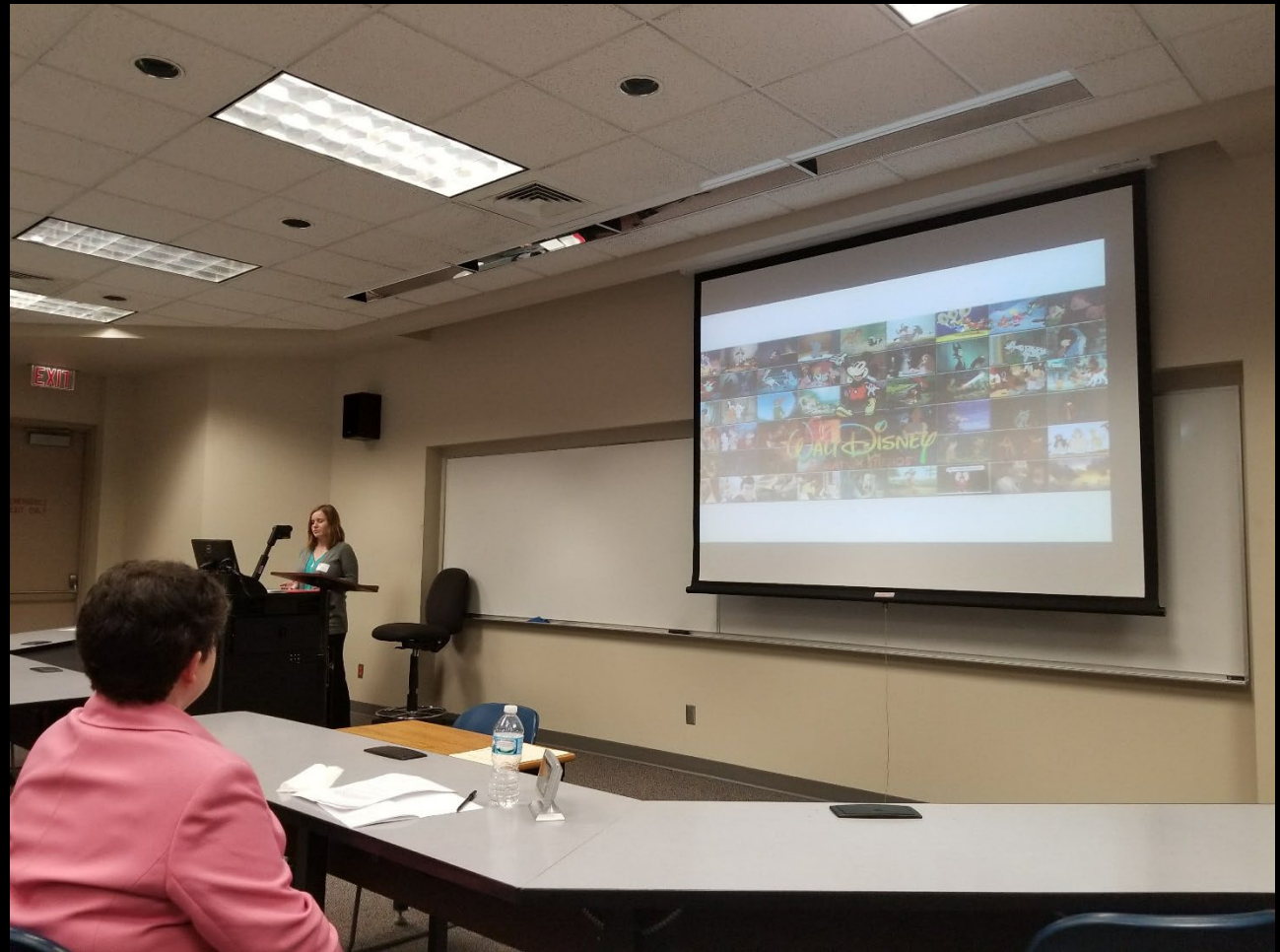
Cultural Intelligence

Understand how culture and context influence people's views and learn to value, adapt to, and interact with diverse populations.



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Share your Honors Contract.





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End of the semester

Honors Program	Students	Instructors
Contact instructors for confirmation of completion of Contracts.	Submit final products to instructors.	Evaluate final products.
Contact students with form to reflect on the experience.	Submit reflection form.	Confirm completion of Honors Contracts.
Note Contract courses as “Honors” on transcripts.	Keep a record of the contract for future reference.	Comment on final products.



Honors Peer Mentor Spotlight



Honors Contract Activity

At your table:

- Individually, think of a class you are taking in the spring.
- Make some notes about what you would do for an Honors Contract in that class.
- Discuss your ideas with each other.



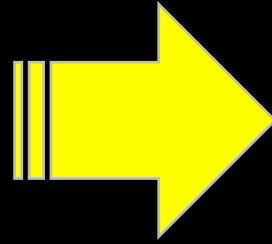
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Honors Contract Contest

- Future opportunity
- Submit final project and reflection
- Prizes for top entries:
 - 1st Place - \$500
 - 2nd Place - \$250
 - 3rd Place - \$100



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Honors Research

A meaningful Honors Contract experience might set the foundation for future Honors Research.