



HONORS CONTRACTS

Honors Contracts are a way Honors students can collaborate with an instructor to turn a regular course into an Honors Learning Experience.



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Each semester about 400 students complete Honors Contracts. Honors Contracts are a significant way students experience Honors learning.



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This slide show is designed to help faculty understand the process of and expectations for Honors Contracts.

At the beginning of the semester, students wanting to pursue an Honors Contract select an aspect of a course or a related topic to take learning further and create a product that integrates one or more Dimensions of Honors Learning.



**CRITICAL
THINKING**



**INTERDISCIPLINARY
LEARNING**



**INFORMATION
FLUENCY**



**CREATIVE
PRODUCTIVITY**



**LEADERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT**

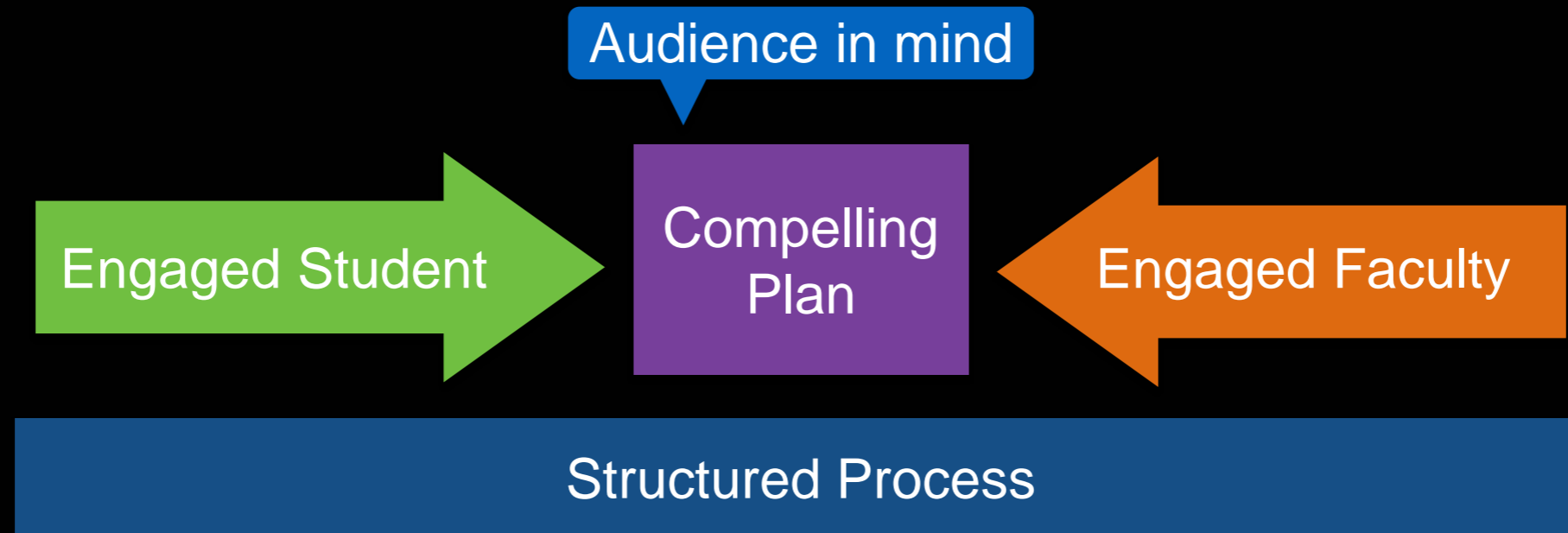
A successful Honors Contract should represent approximately 15 hours of work beyond regular course requirements, about 1 additional hour per week throughout the semester.



Honors Contracts can be done in any course, and students are encouraged to investigate interesting topics and present their findings in innovative and compelling ways.



Exceptional Honors Contracts involve engaged participants who collaborate to develop a compelling plan, guided by a structured process, to support the creation of a product that could be shared with an audience.



To make the process as easy as possible for you, the Honors Contract form is now submitted electronically.

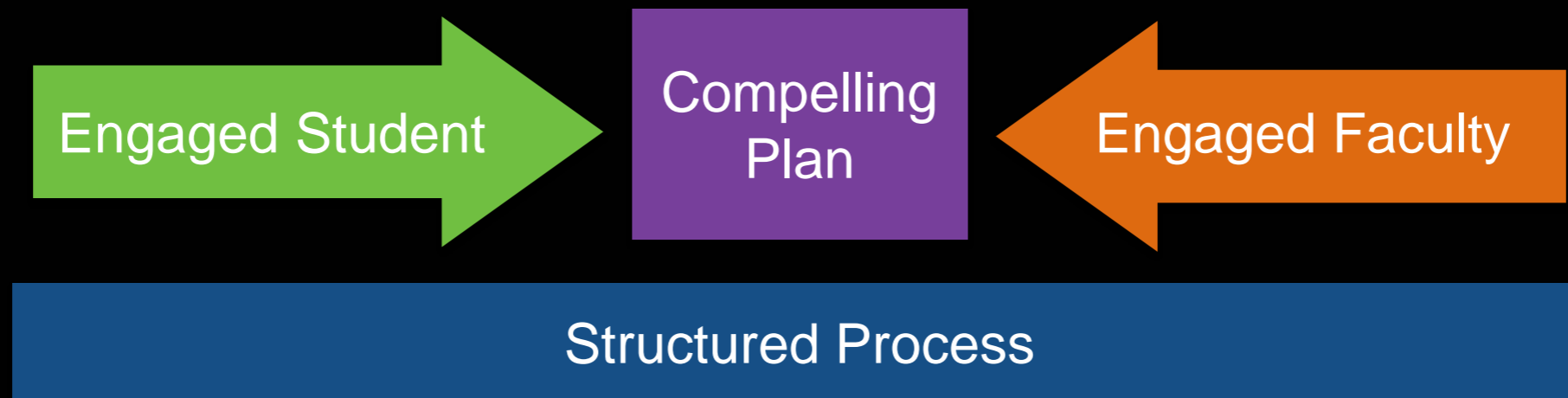
Structured Process

At the beginning of the semester, students will look for topics in syllabi that are of interest and/or identify an instructor with whom to collaborate.

Compelling
Plan

Structured Process

Students will take the initiative to approach the instructor with one or more ideas around which to base an Honors Contract.



Students will submit the Honors Contract plan using an electronic form available on the Honors website.

The screenshot displays the Illinois State University Honors Program website. At the top left is the university's logo and the text "HONORS PROGRAM Illinois State University". To the right is a search bar labeled "Search Honors...". Below the header is a navigation menu with links for "Home", "Applying", "Academics", "Opportunities", "Scholarships", "About", and "Contact". The "Academics" link is highlighted. On the left side, there is a sidebar menu with categories: "Dimensions of Honors Learning", "Honors Learning Experiences", "Requirements", "Honors Designations", "Advising", "Learning Tools", and "Home". Under "Honors Learning Experiences", the "Honors Contracts" option is selected. The main content area is titled "Honors Contract" and contains four input fields, each with a red asterisk indicating a required field: "First Name*", "Last Name*", "University ID Number*", and "Illinois State Email*".

The form will be sent to the Honors Program to be checked for clarity and completeness. The form is also sent to the instructor for verification.

At midterm, students will be asked to provide an update on their progress.

Instructors will receive an email copy of the student's update.

Course Instructor*

Course Instructor's Email Address*

I have met with the Course Instructor as per the contract plan.*

Yes

Not yet

Briefly describe the progress you have made to date.*

Are you on track for successful completion of your Honors Contract?*

Yes

No

Submit Form

At the end of the semester, students will be asked to evaluate their experience and submit evidence of their completed product.

Neutral

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

I believe this Honors Contract enriched my learning.*

Strongly Agree

Agree

Neutral

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

Upload evidence of your completed Honors Contract in a .pdf file. If an alternate file type is needed, please contact HonorsBadging@ilstu.edu for assistance.*

no file selected

At the end of the semester, instructors will be asked to confirm that the student fulfilled the Honors Contract and that Honors credit should be awarded.

Course Instructor Name*

Course Instructor's Email Address*

I have assessed the product of this Honors Contract and have concluded that it was:*

completed and exceeded expectations. Honors credit will be awarded.

completed and met expectations. Honors credit will be awarded.

completed marginally. Honors credit will be awarded.

not completed satisfactorily. Honors credit will not be awarded.

If you would like to comment on the quality of this Honors Contract, you may do so in the space below. Comments will be shared with students and will be archived with evidence of the Honors Contract in the student's Honors digital portfolio.

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Instructors will also have the opportunity to comment on the student's achievement.

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Thank you for working with your Honors students on her or his Honors Contract project.

Your commitment to providing individualized attention for students is greatly appreciated.