Today’s Agenda

- Your Honors Facilitator presents: *Honors Learning Experiences*
  - What IS an Honors Contract?
Honors Contracts

What IS an Honors Contract?

Turn a regular section of a class into an Honors Learning Experience

• Extend your knowledge of a class topic
• Connect class topics to your major or a passion
• Expand on a class assignment
Honors Contract Benefits

- Customize your Honors Learning
- Expand your knowledge on a topic
- Collaborate with faculty
- Mentoring and networking
- Stand out in a lecture or an online class
Honors Contracts

With great power comes great responsibility.
**Honors Contract Process**

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<td>Completed in a class you are already taking</td>
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<td>Establish at the beginning of the semester</td>
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<td>15 hours over the course of the semester</td>
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**Stuart Palmer** is the contact for Honors Contracts.
Getting Started

Use your Creative Productivity.

You’re not limited to writing a paper.

Is there a certain end product you have in mind?

Don’t let the format of classes limit your outcome.
Elizabeth Navarrete

- Human Development & Family Science major
- FCS 254: Issues and Development in Middle Childhood
- Created a parent resource packet on physical concerns during middle childhood, which included a Piktochart as well as two activities that had instructions in English and Spanish
Claire Brown

- Food, Nutrition, and Dietetics major
- FCS 113: Principles of Food Preparation
- Examined the differences in taste, texture, appearance, and nutrient value between gluten free, dairy free, egg free, and traditional muffins
Frank Karigan

- Interior Design major
- ART 155: Survey of Art I
- Podcast discussing architectural themes of four time periods covered in class; connecting concepts to societal influences.
Lorelei Junkel

- Music Education major
- ANT 185: Cultures of the World: An Intro to Cultural & Linguistic Anthropology
- Made her own didgeridoo, a musical instrument native to Australia
Honors Contract Examples

Evie Kovarik

- Mathematics major; Geography minor
- GEO 336: Urban Geography
- Created an interactive Google map along Sheridan Rd., describing the geographical differences of each area.

We had left the downtown area, so I expected to see more nature as I had in the other suburbs, which I did. However, one thing that surprised me was how well maintained the greenery was. The trees and grass are right next to the train tracks, yet the town has put effort into making the nature look clean. There are houses on the other side of the street, but I had thought that the road would act as a sort of mental barrier that would cause the town to simply ignore the nature right next to the train tracks as others had done. Yet, this strip of land looks better than the main landscaping in the northern-most suburbs like Waukegan.
Honors Contract Examples

Connie Hoekstra

- Special Education major
- TCH 209 Literacy II: Reading & Language Arts in the Elementary School
- Created content for her own children’s book focused on inclusion
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Getting Started

• Look for topics in your syllabi that you are passionate about or that you would enjoy investigating.
• Identify an exceptional course instructor with whom you hope to collaborate.
• What are some “gaps” in your resume?
Honors Contract Activity

With people around you…

• Pick one class that someone is in this semester.
• What are some ideas you have for an Honors Contract?
• What would you submit as your final product?
• Which Dimension(s) of Honors Learning would you develop through this Honors Contract?
Next week....

How to *DO* an Honors Contract