Today’s Agenda

Your Honors Facilitator presents:

The Honors Program

• Honors Designations
• Honors Program Opportunities
• Honors Advising
• Q & A
Honors Learning Experiences

- Variety is the spice of life….and Honors!
- One Honors Learning Experience could lead to another
Honors Learning Experiences

- Track your experiences
- Plan what you want to accomplish

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SixHonors Learning Experiences:
- Honors Seminars
- Honors Sections
- Honors Contracts

Honor Participation Requirement:
Honor students are required to complete one Honors Learning Experience each semester (fall and spring).
Part-time students (fewer than 12 hours) must complete one Honors Learning Experience for every 12 hours earned.
When students are enrolled in the following experiences, they are not required to complete the Honors Learning Experience.

- Study abroad
- Student teaching (registered for STT 300)
- Full participant of Professional Development
- School Internship
- Field-based seminars for Special Education majors (not pre-service)
- Full-time internship (12 hours of credit)
- Full-time clinical rotations (Medical Lab Science majors)
Graduation Designations

Honors Program Scholar

Honors in the Major Laude
Honors Program Designations

Honors Program Scholar

• Earn a minimum 3.3 cumulative GPA at the time of graduation
• Participate in the Honors Program a minimum of 3 semesters
• Successfully complete a minimum of 3 Honors Learning Experiences
• Continue to complete 1 Honors Learning Experience each semester in the Honors Program through graduation
Honors Program Designations

Honors Program Scholar

- Awarded automatically to qualifying students
- Recognized in the Commencement Book and transcript
- Students wear a red cord at Commencement
Honors Program Designations

Honors in the Major

• Specific criteria for each major available on the Honors website

• General framework is the same for everyone:
  ▪ Earn a minimum 3.3 cumulative GPA at the time of graduation
  ▪ Earn a minimum 3.5 major GPA at the time of graduation
  ▪ Complete one Honors Learning Experience each semester in Honors through graduation
  ▪ Successfully complete the Honors Learning Experiences specified by the Department/School
Honors Program Designations: Honors in the Major

Honors in the Major

The Honors Program seeks to facilitate customized learning for Honors students in their disciplines by offering the opportunity for students to engage in Honors education and to have Honors Learning Experiences in upper division courses.

Benefits to Students

- Students engage in an enriched and extended learning experience.
- Students develop as scholars and gain an edge over their peers by choosing a rigorous preparation in their field of study.
- Students demonstrate independent research or creative productivity directly related to their major in a culminating project.
- The designation "Honors in the Major" will be noted in the Commencement Book and on the student's transcript and diploma.

Benefits to Departments/Schools

- Students are engaged in upper division courses in a substantial way that goes beyond the curriculum and promotes integration and connections at a deeper level of learning.
- Honors students raise the bar for others.
- Departments/Schools can showcase Honors students' Capstone Experiences.

Requirements
Honors Program Designations: **Honors in the Major**

**Honors in the Major: CSD**

- 2 Honors Learning Experiences in CSD
  - Honors Contracts in two 300 level CSD classes
- Honors Capstone
  - Honors Independent Study: CSD 299 for 3 credit hours, OR
  - Honors Thesis: HON 395 for 3 credit hours
Honors Program Designations: Honors in the Major

Honors Liaisons

- Honors resource in your major
Honors Program Graduation Designations

- Good Standing
  - Probation or Suspension is not Good Standing
- Be aware of Suspension in your last semester
  - Must complete an HLE to return to Good Standing
    - Even if you would normally not have to complete an HLE (student teaching, for example)
Laude designations

- **Cum Laude**
  - Cumulative GPA between **3.65 - 3.79**
  - *White* cords to wear at Commencement

- **Magna Cum Laude**
  - Cumulative GPA between **3.80 - 3.89**
  - *Lavender* cords to wear at Commencement

- **Summa Cum Laude**
  - Cumulative GPA between **3.90 - 4.0**
  - *Gold* cords to wear at Commencement
What’s Next?

What’s Next?
Honors Mindset Seminar may be coming to a close, but your Honors career is just getting started!

Be A Scholar

→ One Honors Learning Experience is required each semester you are on campus.
→ If you’re not taking an Honors Section of a course, you can propose an Honors Contract. Forms are on the Honors website and are due by the 15th day of classes.
→ Investigate Honors Research opportunities and ways to collaborate with faculty in your major.
→ Look for ways to share the products of your Honors Learning Experiences. Consider presenting at the University Research Symposium.

Be A Leader

→ Descriptions of leadership opportunities within the Honors Program for the 2020-2021 academic year will be announced in the spring.
→ Details regarding the application process will be communicated via the Honors Intranet and posted on the Honors Program website.

Be A Voice

→ Encourage your friends to consider the Honors Program and to apply in the spring.
→ Share ideas and suggestions with the Honors Program by emailing honors@ilstu.edu or speaking by the office.

Be An Explorer

→ Participate in a Study Abroad program.
→ Visit other states and countries through Honors Alternative Spring Break or Honors Study Abroad.
→ Explore the unique topics available through our innovative Honors Explorations.

Be A Fan

→ Follow us on social media. Look for us on Facebook under “Illinois State University Honors Program” and @illinoisSU on Twitter.

Be A Graduate

→ Review the requirements for Honors designations and aim to achieve these designations.
Honors Program Opportunities

Graham Cracker Challenge

- Wednesday, December 1
  - 7 - 9 pm
  - Honors Program Building
- Limited spots available
  - 16 teams of 5
Honors Program Opportunities

Student Leadership Team

- Honors Peer Mentors, Community Assistants, and EDI Mentors
- Paid positions
- Spring application process
- Watch for announcement on the listserv or email honors@ilstu.edu for more information
Honors Program Opportunities

Honors Council for Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion

The Honors Council for Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion is a space for students to discuss their thoughts on equity and diversity in Honors, and to provide suggestions for initiatives and growth in the Honors Program.

We believe through diversity of background, thought, and experience we can create a more dynamic Honors mindset.

Join our conversation and help our program grow!
Honors Advising

What could I discuss with my advisor now?

- Long-term academic planning
- Initial review of personalized plan of study
- Summer classes/transfer credit
- Involvement
- Study Abroad
- Scholarships
Honors Advising

Spring 2022

• Primary advisor: Honors
• Advising appointments begin in early February
  ▪ Summer registration starts on February 14
• Apply to a major/minor in My Illinois State in February
• Fall registration starts on March 21
Honors Advising

Fall 2022 & beyond

- Primary advisor: Department/School Advisor
- Honors Advisor available for Honors-specific questions and general assistance/advice
Honors Peer Mentor Spotlight
“Navigating the Honors Program”

• ReggieNet Quiz
• Opens Week 13 (November 8 – 12)
• Due by Friday, November 19