Today’s Agenda

- Your Honors Facilitator presents:
  *Honors Learning Experiences*

  • How to *DO* an Honors Contract
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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<td>Contract does not impact grade in class</td>
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Stuart Palmer is the contact for Honors Contracts.
Be aware of the deadline.

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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
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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
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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- 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.
### Honors Contracts

#### End of the semester

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<td>Contact instructors for confirmation of completion of Contracts.</td>
<td>Submit final products to instructors.</td>
<td>Evaluate final products.</td>
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<td>Contact students with form to reflect on the experience.</td>
<td>Submit reflection form.</td>
<td>Confirm completion of Honors Contracts.</td>
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Honors Peer Mentor Spotlight
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
A meaningful Honors Contract experience might set the foundation for future Honors Research.