Today’s Agenda

- Your Honors Facilitator presents:
  - Honors Learning Experiences
  - Explorations
  - Travel
Not a class you “register” for; no credit hours or grade

The topics are interdisciplinary & innovative
Honors Explorations

- Small size; no more than 25 students
- Explorations meet 5 times for 2 hours
- Attendance and participation is required at all sessions
Honors Explorations

- Typical assignments/expectations:
  - Readings before class
  - Short reflections to prepare for discussions
  - Culminating project/presentation
Honors Explorations

- Complete an interest form: 1ˢᵗ and 2ⁿᵈ choice
- Students are notified if they have a spot in the Exploration or if they are on the wait list
- Due to high demand, priority is given to students who have not taken many Explorations

- Honors Contact: Sarah Roth, sjroth@ilstu.edu
Honors Explorations: Spring 2024

- Criminalization of American Women’s Reproductive Rights
- Five Great Experiments that Changed the World
- Music as Propaganda and Protest
- Restorative Justice: Ancient Ideas Put Into Modern Practice
- Seeing Critically: Examining Visual Culture
- The Eras of Taylor Swift
Honors Explorations

Mark your calendars, set your alarms....

7 am on Wednesday, November 1
Honors Travel: Alternative Spring Break

- Application for 2024 opens November 1st and closes November 29th
- Application includes short answer questions
Honors ASB Components:
- 6 mandatory pre-trip meetings on a weeknight evening
- Travel and service during Spring Break
- Post-trip wrap-up
Honors Travel: Alternative Spring Break

- Only Honors ASB counts as an Honors Learning Experience
- Honors Contact: Doug McGraw, djmcgr1@ilstu.edu
Honors Travel: Study Abroad

- Travel in the summer, mid-May
- Honors Travel Components:
  - Mandatory pre-trip meetings
  - Travel = 8 – 10 days
  - Class = IDS 121Axx (Gen Ed LH)
    - Honors Section
    - Summer
    - Assignments
    - Post-trip wrap-up
Honors Travel 2024

- Scotland, May 21 - 29, 2024
- Application deadline: January 15, 2024
- Pre-trip meetings in Spring 2024
- Class: IDS 121a72 in Summer 2024
- **Approximate** cost: $4,500 (after scholarship)
  - Fixed costs are set
  - Variable costs can decrease the price, such as passport, airfare, food, and souvenirs
Scottish history, culture, and geography
Mandatory pre-trip meetings provide context for time in Scotland
Explore both Edinburgh and the Scottish Highlands
Highlights include: Edinburgh Castle, an Underground Ghost tour, Urquhart and Stirling Castles, a cruise on Loch Ness
Scotland Information Sessions

- Wednesday, October 11, 7 – 8 pm
- Thursday, November 2, 7 – 8 pm

Honors Program Building
Honors Peer Mentor Spotlight