

Today's Agenda

- ▶ Your Honors Facilitator presents:
Honors Learning Experiences
 - How to **DO** an Honors Contract





Honors Contract Process

Contracts

Completed in a class you are already taking

Establish at the beginning of the semester

15 hours over the course of the semester

Contract does not impact grade in class

General Education/Major/Minor/Your choice

Stuart Palmer is the contact for Honors Contracts.



Honors Contracts

Be aware of the deadline.

January

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Week 1	Classes Start					
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Week 2	No Classes Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday					
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Week 3						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

February

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
Week 4		Honors Contract Deadline 11:59 pm				
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					



Honors Contracts

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, phone call, 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
- Submit the Honors Contract form together



HONORS LEARNING *Experiences:*
Honors Contracts

QUESTIONS TO *Consider*

As you review your course syllabi...

What sparks your curiosity?

What topic(s) could be explored further or extended in some way?

Is there a related topic that "seems to be missing" or could potentially connect to the course content?

Could a deeper understanding of a certain topic or creation of a unique product support your career goals?

INITIATING HONORS CONTRACT *Conversations*

Taking a Single Topic Further:

"I reviewed the syllabus and see we are spending # classes on this topic. I am very interested in this topic and would like to complete an Honors Contract to explore it further.

- If you had the time in class and could take this topic further, what would you do?
- What additional resources would you use? Are there scholars of this subject that I should know?
- Would you be willing to help me develop a plan?"

Proposing Interdisciplinary Learning:

"I see in the syllabus that we are studying this topic. I am very interested in learning more about how this topic relates to that topic by completing an Honors Contract.

- Are you aware of research that has already been done connecting these two topics?
- In what ways could I connect these two topics that could help me understand both more deeply?"

Creating a Specific Product with a Career in Mind:

"I am a(n) _____ major. I would like to apply the topics we are studying by developing a (name of a product) that I could use when I am a (career role) by collaborating with you to complete an Honors Contract."

Connecting an Interest to a Course Topic to Enrich Learning:

"I am interested in _____. I would like to connect this course topic with this interest by pursuing an Honors Contract. Would you be willing to work with me to focus this idea?"

Applying a Talent to Demonstrate Mastery of a Course Topic:

"One of my talents is _____. I would like to connect this course topic with my talent by completing an Honors Contract. Would you be willing to collaborate with me?"



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Pre-designed options are OK.

BSC 181/182: Human Physiology & Anatomy I and II

- Write sample questions for each exam
- Develop in-depth study guides for each exam
- Share concepts in discussion posts and respond to questions; share difficult topics and helpful resources

MQM 100: Statistical Reasoning

- Excel assignments beyond course requirements



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Working in a group is OK.

NUR 326: Gerontological Nursing

- 4 students
- Literature review
- Brochures



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- 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.

The screenshot displays the Honors Program website for Illinois State University. The header includes the university logo, the text "HONORS PROGRAM Illinois State University", and a search bar labeled "Search Honors...". A navigation menu contains links for "Applying", "Academics", "Opportunities", "Scholarships", "About", and "Contact". The main content area is titled "Honors Contract" and features a sidebar with a menu of options: "Dimensions of Honors Learning", "Honors Learning Experiences", "Honors Sections", "Honors Contracts", "Honors Seminars", "Honors Research", "Honors Explorations", "Honors Travel", "Requirements", "Honors Designations", "Advising", "Learning Tools", and "Home". The "Honors Contracts" option is selected. The form fields include "First Name*", "Last Name*", "University ID Number*", and "Illinois State Email*", each with a corresponding input box.



Honors Contracts

- 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.

Which of the Dimensions of Honors Learning will be applied to or developed through this Honors Contract?*

Critical Thinking

Interdisciplinary Learning

Information Fluency

Creative Productivity

Leadership Development

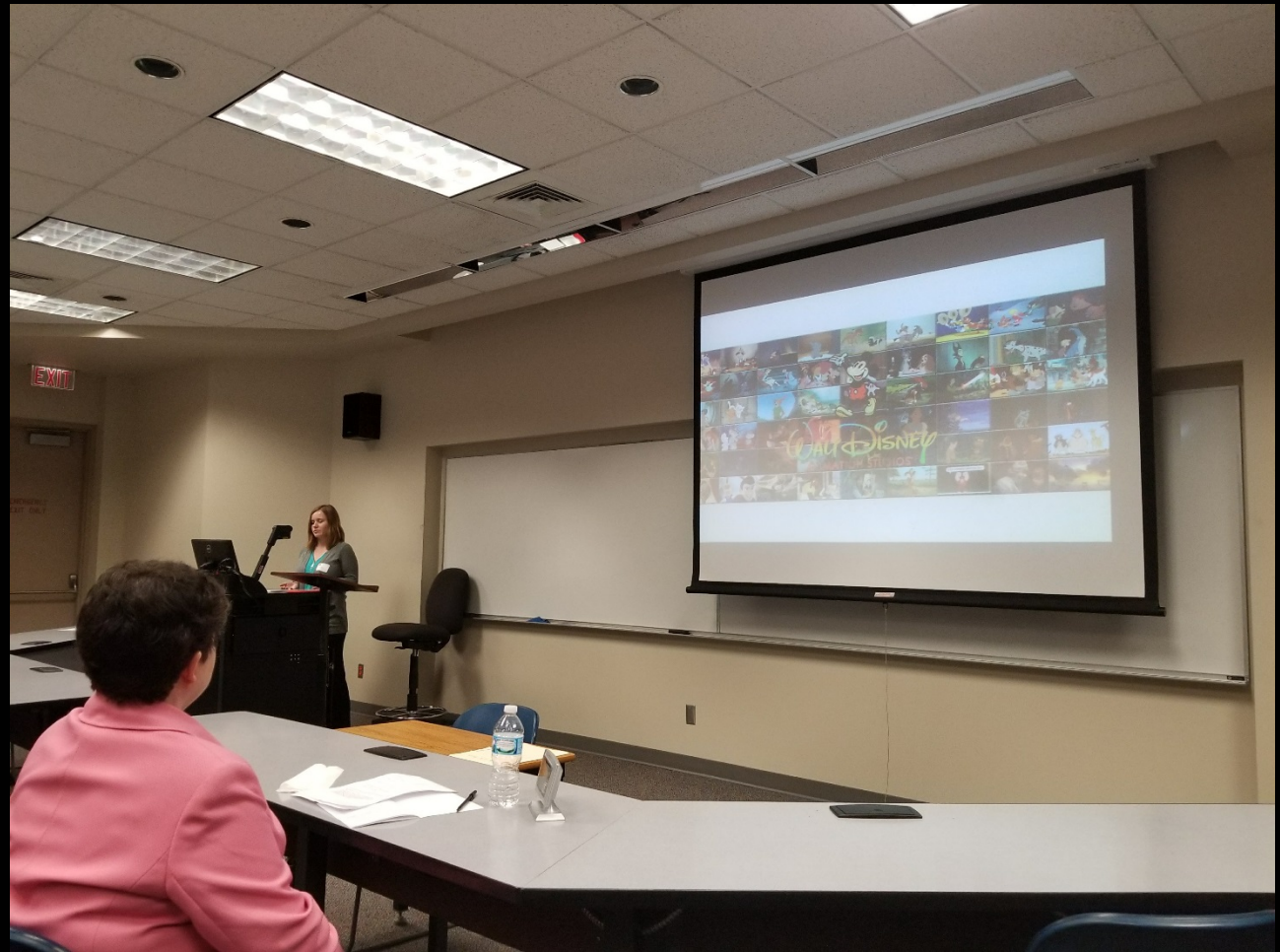
Cultural Intelligence

My instructor and I have scheduled the following times for progress updates and consultation:*



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Share your Honors Contract.



Illinois State University **HONORS PROGRAM**



Honors Contracts

What happens at the end of the semester?

The Honors Program will...

1. Contact instructors for confirmation of the completion of Contracts.
2. Contact students with the form to reflect on the experience.
3. Have Contract courses noted as “Honors” on transcripts.



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What happens at the end of the semester?

Students will...

1. Submit final products to instructors.
2. Submit form to reflect on the Honors Contract experience.
3. Keep a record of the Contract for future reference.



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What happens at the end of the semester?

Instructors will...

1. Evaluate final products.
2. Confirm completion of Honors Contracts with the Honors Program.
3. Comment on final products.



Honors Peer Mentor Spotlight



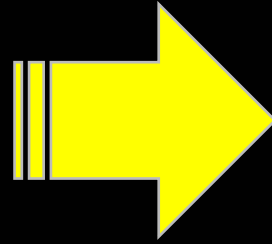
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Honors Contract Contest

- Future opportunity
- Submit final project and reflection
- Prizes for top entries:
 - 1st Place - \$500
 - 2nd Place - \$250
 - 3rd Place - \$100



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Honors Research

A meaningful Honors Contract experience might set the foundation for future Honors Research.