Agenda

- Background and the Meaning of the Honors Program
  - o Honors Courses Requirements
  - o Honors Students Selection Criteria
- Certified Honors Sections/Embedded Honors Course/Component versus Contracts
- Using the Model Honors Canvas Shell

Honors Transfer Council of California and the Partner Universities

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93% (as opposed to 24%) UCLA acceptance rate of our students in Spring 2023

What Do the Partner Universities Want?

- **diverse underrepresented and underserved population of community college student**
- **students who are well prepared and not going to struggle after transfer**

What Should Our Honors Program Provide?

- Educational Opportunities to prepare selected students for upper division advanced courses in top 4-year-universities.
- Proof that the students are indeed well prepared

WHAT DO THE UNIVERSITIES TAKE AS A PROOF?

- **AT LEAST 5 HONORS COURSES WITH STANDARDS EQUAL TO THEIR OWN COURSES**

WHAT DO THE UNIVERSITIES PROMISE:

- **PRIORITY OR GUARANTEED ADMISSION**

- **ACCESS TO SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, FREE HOUSING AFTER TRANSFER**

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What is an Honors Course?

- NOT AN EXTRA CREDIT PORJECT
- NOT SOME CREDIT FOR EXTRA EFFORT

What should be included in the Honors Course Curriculum?

- **AT LEAST 25 ADDITIONAL HOURS OF STUDENT WORK**
- **DEEPER STUDY OF A SELECTED TOPIC WITHIN THE DISCIPLINE**
  - **STUDYING A BIOGRAPHY OF A MATHEMATICIAN IS NOT HONORS MATH**
- **DISCIPLINE-SPECIFIC SKILLS: METHODOLOGIES, WRITING STYLES**
  - **APA PAPER FOR PSYCHOLOGY**
  - **MLA FOR ENGLISH**
- **GROUNDED DISCIPLINE-RELEVANT LITERATURE EXPOSURE**
- **CONCRETE ORIGINAL AND SCHOLARLY FINAL OUTCOMES**
  - **IF A PAPER – 12 PAGES MINIMUM (BOTH FOR PRIMARY RESEARCH AND FOR REVIEW OF LITERATURE), IN ADDITION TO REGULARLY REQUIRED.**
  - **IF A PRESENTATION – SAME CONTENT AS 12 PAGES PAPER (NOTES SHOULD BE INCLUDED)**
  - **IF AN ART WORK/CS PROGRAM – MUST HAVE <u>SCHOLARLY ANALYSIS</u>**

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Honors Contracts

PROs

- **Perfect for single students**
- **No planning/prepping**

CONs

- **Difficult to keep track of multiple students**
- **No Plagiarism Checks**
- **Hit and Miss with Students Selection**
- **Hit and Miss with Topics**
- **Limited to Projects**
- **Stricter requirements and due dates**
- **Difficult to pay the Faculty**

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Embedded Honors Components

PROs

- **Easy to serve multiple students from multiple courses**
- **Requirements/type of work are up to the Instructor/Discipline**
- **Better student selection: (1) bigger sample to start from; (2) chance to add students later**
- **Plagiarism checks are embedded**
- **More Options for Student Interactions/Group Check-ins**

CONs

- **Involves Preparation**
- **Extra Canvas Course/Assignments to worry about**

Who Should You Accept as an Honors Student?

General Program Requirements

- **3.5 GPA WITH 12 UNITS AT LPC, OR**
- **3.75 GPA FROM HIGH SCHOOL, OR**
- **CONSENT OF INSTRUCTOR**

Embedded Honors Course Requirement

- **UP TO THE INSTRUCTOR**

Which Students Should be given Priority?

- **UNDERREPRESENTED STUDENTS WITH POTENTIAL**
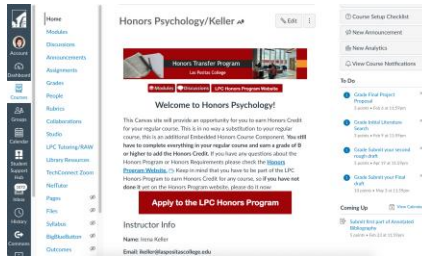- **UNDERSERVED STUDENTS WITH POTENTIAL**

How to Become Honors Certified Faculty to offer an Embedded Honors Course

❑ **Sign up** and receive a Ready to Go Model Honors Canvas Course - **QR code to the right**

☑Complete an honors instructor **orientation** - you just did it!

❑Have your Honors Canvas course checked

Sign Up to Get Certified:

You will get paid a flat rate of 3 hours of F-Hour rate for the certification (the current rate being $62.95 an hour).

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How to Use the Model Honors Canvas Shell

- Please read the **Manual** – it's in your Honors Canvas Files
- **Forms in the Module 1** – just for the Program to keep track – they replace the Contract – <u>NO CONTRACTS ARE NEEDED</u>
- Please use **Plagiarism Detection** when possible and let me know if you find some – it's important for certifications!
- **Please reuse the same Honors Canvas shell for the following semesters:**
  o Deactivate old students (keeps their data) - in PEOPLE
  o Adjust the due dates
  o Clean all discussions
  o Use the Enroll Link in the Settings to add new students – can post it on syllabus or in first announcements, or email to students.

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