

# Las Positas College Honors Transfer Program

[Link to  
Honors  
Program  
Website](#)



Jeremiah Bodnar

Honors Transfer Program Director

Phone: 925-424-1263

Email: [jbodnar@laspositascollege.edu](mailto:jbodnar@laspositascollege.edu)

# Schedule for today (2:00 – 2:50)

- MEET EACH OTHER – YOUR EXPERIENCE & GOALS
- ASK WHAT YOU WANT FROM TODAY
- INTRODUCE AND UPDATE THE PROGRAM
- ANSWER QUESTIONS
- HERE YOUR ADVICE AND CONCERNS
- WORK IN GROUPS ON HOW TO INTEGRATE HONORS COURSEWORK
- HAVE YOU SHARE YOUR LESSONS AND SUCCESSES

**STUDENT 1** (GRADUATED 2013): "MY EXPERIENCE IN THE LPC HONORS PROGRAM GAVE ME **CONFIDENCE IN MY ACADEMIC ABILITIES**. THIS CONFIDENCE I TOOK TO UC BERKELEY."

**STUDENT 2** (GRADUATED 2011): TRANSFERRED UC BERKELEY. CURRENTLY A CIVIL RIGHTS ATTORNEY IN NY. "MY EXPERIENCE IN THE LPC HONORS PROGRAM BENEFITED ME BECAUSE IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I **CRAFTED AND RESEARCHED MY OWN THEORY**."

**STUDENT 3** (GRADUATED 2012): UCLA 3<sup>RD</sup> YEAR NEUROSCIENCE PHD STUDENT. "MY EXPERIENCE IN THE LPC HONORS PROGRAM PREPARED ME FOR **RIGOROUS FUTURE ACADEMIC CHALLENGES**."

**STUDENT 4** (GRADUATED 2012): TRANSFERRED SF STATE. FULL-TIME TECHNICAL WRITER AT GOOGLE. "MY EXPERIENCE IN THE LPC HONORS PROGRAM WAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PUSH MY LIMITS AND **DISCOVER WHAT I WAS CAPABLE OF DOING**."

# What is the Las Positas College Honors Transfer Program?

- HIGHLY MOTIVATED STUDENTS
- DO ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC WORK
- HIGHER STANDARDS OF SCHOLARSHIP AND INDEPENDENCE

[Link to video on LPC Honors Program Basics](#)



# Requirements to join Honors

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



[Link to  
admission  
requirements  
page](#)

# Most common reasons students join honors

- SHOOTING FOR **ELITE COLLEGES** (BERKELEY, UCLA)
- LOOKING FOR AN ACADEMIC **CHALLENGE**
- WANTING TO MAKE **FRIENDS** WITH OTHER  
MOTIVATED STUDENTS

# What are honors contracts?

[Link to  
honors  
contracts  
information  
page](#)

- DEEPER STUDY AND MORE INDEPENDENT WORK
- CLOSE WORK WITH INSTRUCTOR
- CONCRETE OUTCOMES



# Examples of honors contract outcomes

- 12 PAGE RESEARCH PAPER
- EXPERIMENT AND WRITE-UP
- CREATION AND ANALYSIS OF AN ARTWORK

# How do you create an honors contract?

[Link to honors contracts forms page](#)

- INSTRUCTORS WORK WITH STUDENTS TO DEVELOP
- STUDENT SUBMITS THE CONTRACT APPLICATION ONLINE
- A COMPLETION FORM IS SIGNED BY STUDENT AND INSTRUCTOR



**HONORS STUDENT CONTRACT COMPLETION FORM**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact #: Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Professor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Semester and Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
Course Name: \_\_\_\_\_ CRN #: \_\_\_\_\_

# Benefits of honors coursework

- **IGNITE STUDENT INTEREST AND PASSION**
- **INVESTIGATE POTENTIAL MAJORS AND CAREERS**
- **DEVELOP UNIVERSITY-LEVEL SKILLS**
- **ENHANCE TRANSCRIPTS**



# Honors Symposium at Stanford/Berkeley

- PRESENT HONORS COURSEWORK
- 3 STUDENTS THIS YEAR





# Honors Scholar: completes 5 honors activities

- **TRANSFER:** PRIORITY ADMISSION, SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, HOUSING AT OVER 40 COLLEGES
- **DIPLOMA:** GOLDEN SEAL
- **HONORS SCHOLAR MEDAL:** PROVIDED AT GRADUATION

# Honors Transfer Council of California Partners

Brandeis



AMHERST  
COLLEGE

[Link to Honors  
Transfer Partners  
home page](#)



UNIVERSITY OF  
SAN FRANCISCO



Pomona  
College



University  
of San Diego  
HONORS PROGRAM



Tufts  
UNIVERSITY



SCRIPPS  
THE WOMEN'S COLLEGE  
• CLAREMONT •



GONZAGA  
UNIVERSITY

UCLA

TAP?

# Why we want TAP



**Student Requirements:** Same as honors scholar.

**Benefits:** 80% (as opposed to 20%) UCLA acceptance rate at local community college, scholarships, entrance to UCLA Honors, etc.

# What are honors sections?

- HAVE THE ADDITIONAL WORK OF HONORS CONTRACTS
- ORGANIZED TO ALLOW SEVERAL STUDENTS TO COMPLETE CONTRACTS
- CREATES A SYNERGISTIC ENVIRONMENT

[10-minute video on creating honors sections for your course](#)

section titled “Online Learning,” or go to <http://www.laspositascollege.edu/onlinelearning>.

**PHIL 2 ETHICS 3.0 Units**

This course covers the concepts of morality, values and influential ethical theories. Students taking this course will be required to use philosophical methods to evaluate these theories for themselves and show how these theories can apply to everyday ethical questions.

*Strongly recommended: ENG 1A*

Day 20132 TTh 12:30-1:45 2450 TROXA 08/20-12/21 GR V01

PHIL 2-V01 is open to all students but has an optional embedded honors component. Students who qualify for the Honors Transfer Program may take it for honors credit. See instructor and visit [www.laspositascollege.edu/honors](http://www.laspositascollege.edu/honors) for more information.

Eve 22243 Wed 6:00-8:50 2204 BODNAR 08/20-12/21 GR 094

Web 20406 ONLINE BODNAR 08/20-12/21 GR DE1

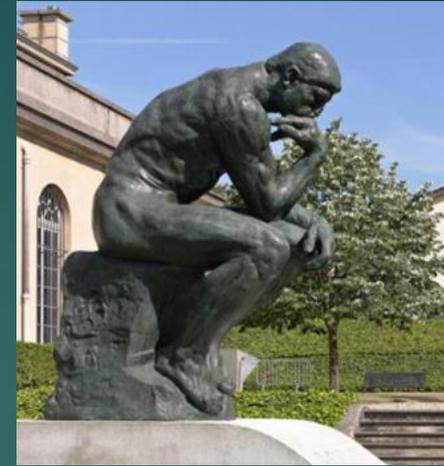
PHIL 2-DE1 is an online course. For more information, see the section titled “Online Learning” in this schedule, or go to <http://www.laspositascollege.edu/onlinelearning>.



# How are honors sections organized?

- RELATIVE TO THE DISCIPLINE
- RELATIVE TO YOUR STUDENTS
- SAME OVERALL THE SAME EXPECTATIONS AS HONORS CONTRACTS

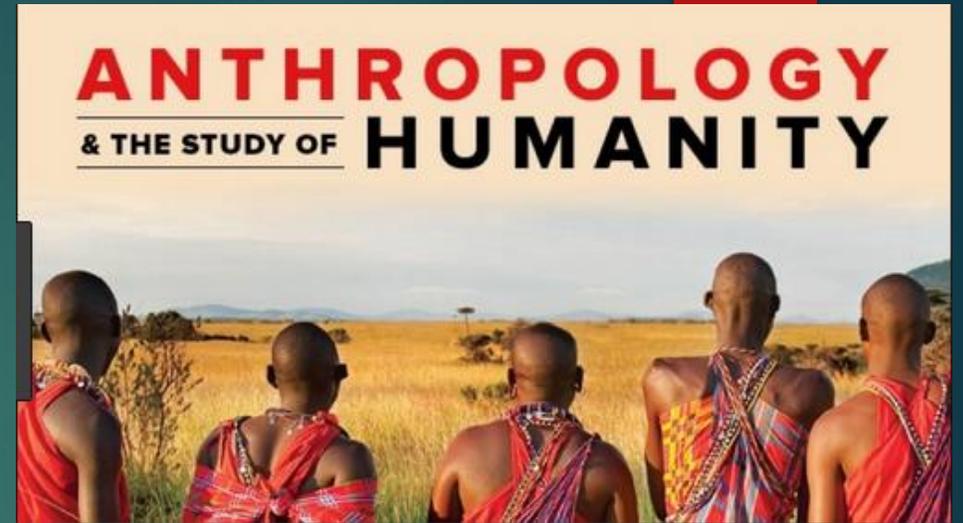
# Example Honors Section: Philosophy 1



- STUDENTS WORK TOGETHER ON FIRST READING
- TOTAL OF 3 RELATED READINGS + ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTION
- REVIEW EACH OTHER'S WORK EVERY 3-4 WEEKS

[Sample Phil 1  
honors section  
syllabus](#)

# Example honors section in Anthropology



- 3 SYMPOSIUM STYLE MEETINGS OUTSIDE OF CLASS
- RIGOROUS AND FOUNDATIONAL READING LIST
- CLEAR SCHEDULE, READING, WRITING AND PRESENTATION INSTRUCTIONS



# Some Numbers on the Program: Fall 2019

- **51** STUDENTS ARE WORKING ON
- **70** HONORS CONTRACTS WITH
- **42** DIFFERENT TEACHERS
- **4-8** STUDENTS LIKELY TO BE HONORS SCHOLAR GRADUATES THIS YEAR

**STEVEN REYNOSO** (2013):  
“MY EXPERIENCE IN THE LPC HONORS PROGRAM GAVE ME CONFIDENCE IN MY ACADEMIC ABILITIES. THIS CONFIDENCE I TOOK TO UC BERKELEY.”

**ELIZABETH BELTRAN** (2011):  
TRANSFERRED UC BERKELEY. CURRENTLY A CIVIL RIGHTS ATTORNEY IN NY. “MY EXPERIENCE IN THE LPC HONORS PROGRAM BENEFITED ME BECAUSE IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I CRAFTED AND RESEARCHED MY OWN THEORY.”

**SCOT VINCENT** (2012): UCLA 3<sup>RD</sup> YEAR NEUROSCIENCE PHD STUDENT. “MY EXPERIENCE IN THE LPC HONORS PROGRAM PREPARED ME FOR RIGOROUS FUTURE ACADEMIC CHALLENGES.”

**RYAN MCGINNIS** (2012):  
TRANSFERRED SF STATE. FULL-TIME TECHNICAL WRITER AT GOOGLE. “MY EXPERIENCE IN THE LPC HONORS PROGRAM WAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PUSH MY LIMITS AND DISCOVER WHAT I WAS CAPABLE OF DOING.”

# Newly Created

- HONORS PROGRAM CLUB
- HONORS ADVISORY GROUP
- HONORS SPACE (OUTSIDE 2121)

# Las Positas College Honors Transfer Program



Jeremiah Bodnar

Honors Transfer Program Director

Phone: 925-424-1263

Email: [jbodnar@laspositascollege.edu](mailto:jbodnar@laspositascollege.edu)

## Questions?