

# Honors Transfer Program

## Agenda

- Kahoot Warm Up
- Background and the Meaning of the Honors Program
  - Honors Courses Requirements/Criteria
  - Honors Student Selection Criteria
- Different Ways to Offer Honors Courses at LPC
- Groups by Discipline – Questions, Challenges etc..
- Examples of Honors Canvas Use
  - Philosophy/Analytic Papers (J.Bodnar)
  - History/Series of Assignments (J.Rosen)
  - Psychology/Field Research Projects (I.Keller)
- Hands on work on Canvas (time permitting)

# Honors Transfer Program and the Partner Universities



AMHERST  
COLLEGE



Brandeis



Yale



UCLA

TAP

91% (as opposed to 23%) UCLA  
acceptance rate of our students  
in Spring 2024

# 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, GUARANTEED HOUSING AFTER TRANSFER



## What is an Honors Course?

- NOT AN EXTRA CREDIT PROJECT
- 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 SCHOLARLY ANALYSIS

# 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



## Which Students Should be given Priority?

- UNDERREPRESENTED STUDENTS WITH POTENTIAL
- UNDERSERVED STUDENTS WITH POTENTIAL

## Different Ways to Offer Honors Courses at LPC

- Individual Student Contracts
  - No pay
  - No certification/preparation is required
- Embedded Component (Stacked Sections)
  - One-time payment/stipend for 3 F-Hours
  - Certification/preparation is required
- Full Honors Sections
  - Smaller size
  - More rigorous curriculum
  - Instructor must be an experienced certified Honors Instructor



# 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 - need approval.



# Embedded Honors

## Components with Canvas

### 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



Small  
Groups by  
Discipline -  
How could you  
use a Canvas  
shell for your  
Honors  
Assignments?



**Join the Honors Faculty Hub on  
Canvas for Resources**



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

- Sign up** (QR code to the right) to receive a Model Honors Canvas Course (ready to be used)
- Complete an Honors **orientation** - you just did it! Can always have a refresher asynchronously on Honors Faculty Hub Canvas as well.
- Adjust/Edit your Honors Canvas course and have it 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).**

# One Plan for an Imbedded Honors Section

## J. Bodnar

**Problem:** Every semester there are more requests for students wanting to do honors projects.

**Goal:** To accommodate as many students as possible, while keeping the projects rigorous, giving good feedback, and tracking all their progress for a large project.

**Solution:** Group students according to topics. Assign the first readings for everyone. Require 4 set mandatory meetings agreed to ahead of time for anyone participating. Schedule it all in.

# Sample Schedule

## Week 1-2: Setup

- Meet with all interested honors students after class.
- Select a topic/s based on student interest.
- Select meeting days that work for the most possible
- Select first reading/s and post them and schedule to Canvas

# Sample Schedule Continued

## Part 1: First Readings

- Week 4: First Meeting – Discuss student notes on the first reading
- Week 6: First Rough Draft - Students submit first 5-page analysis on the first reading.
- Week 7: First Responses -Students submit response and advice to other students on their first 5 pages.

## Part 2: Second Readings

- Week 9: Second meeting - Student's discuss their notes on the second set of readings.
- Week 11: Second Rough Draft - Rework first 5 pages from rough draft 1, and add 4 more pages from second readings.
- Week 11b: Second Responses - Students submit response and advice to other students on their first 9 pages.

# Sample Schedule Continued






## Part 3: Original Contribution

- Week 13: Third meeting – Discuss students plan for an original contribution to the literature.
- Week 15: Third Draft – A complete rough draft. Includes drafts 1 and 2, plus original contribution.

## Part 4: Finalizing Projects

- Week 15b: Meeting 4 – Students present and discuss their entire project
- Week 16: Third Responses – Students submit response and advice on complete rough draft.
- Week 17: Final Draft – Students submit final draft, incorporating other student's comments

# Using the Model Honors Canvas Shell for Science Projects

- Home
- Modules
- Discussions
- Announcements
- Assignments
- Grades
- People
- Rubrics
- Collaborations
- Studio
- LPC Tutoring/RAW
- Library Resources
- TechConnect Zoom
- NetTutor
- Pages 
- Files 
- Syllabus 
- BigBlueButton 
- Outcomes 

- Account
- Dashboard
- Courses
- Groups
- Calendar
- Student Support Hub
- Inbox (1072)
- History
- Commons

## Honors Psychology/Keller

 Edit



[Modules](#) [Discussions](#) [LPC Honors Program Website](#)

### Welcome to Honors Psychology!

This Canvas site will provide an opportunity for you to earn Honors Credit for your regular course. This is in no way a substitution to your regular course, this is an additional Embedded Honors Course Component. **You still have to complete everything in your regular course and earn a grade of B or higher to add the Honors Credit.** If you have any questions about the Honors Program or Honors Requirements please check the [Honors Program Website](#). Keep in mind that you have to be part of the LPC Honors Program to earn Honors Credit for any course, so **if you have not done it yet on the Honors Program website, please do it now:**

**Apply to the LPC Honors Program**

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 Course Setup Checklist

 New Announcement

 New Analytics


 View Course Notifications

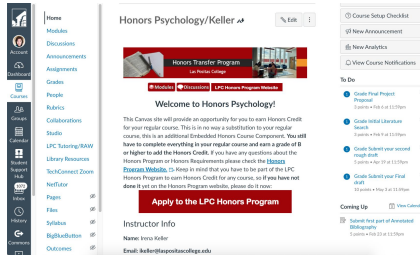
### To Do

- 1 [Grade Final Project Proposal](#)   
3 points • Feb 6 at 11:59pm
- 1 [Grade Initial Literature Search](#)   
3 points • Feb 9 at 11:59pm
- 1 [Grade Submit your second rough draft](#)   
5 points • Apr 19 at 11:59pm
- 1 [Grade Submit your Final draft](#)   
10 points • May 3 at 11:59pm

### Coming Up

 [View Calendar](#)

-  [Submit first part of Annotated Bibliography](#)  
5 points • Feb 23 at 11:59pm



# How to Use the Model Honors Canvas Shell

- A **Manual** is included in the Honors Canvas FILES
- **Forms in Module 1** – just for the Program to keep track – they replace the Contract – NO CONTRACT IS NEEDED
- **Reuse** the same Honors Canvas shell for the following semesters:
  - Deactivate old students (keeps their data) - in PEOPLE
  - Adjust the due dates (will receive suggested schedules)
  - Clean all discussions and announcements
  - 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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