

Honors Transfer Program

Agenda

- Kahoot Warm Up
- Background and the Meaning of the Honors Program
- Honors Courses Requirements and Students Selection Criteria
- Certified Honors Sections/Embedded Honors component versus Contracts
- How to use the Model Honors Canvas Shell

Honors Transfer Program and the Partner Universities



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
- A RECOMMENDATION/CONSENT OF AN INSTRUCTOR TO MENTOR



Which Students Should be given Priority?

- UNDERREPRESENTED STUDENTS WITH POTENTIAL
- UNDERSERVED STUDENTS WITH POTENTIAL

LPC Honors Transfer Program

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

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



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

Using the Model Honors Canvas Shell for Science Projects


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

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

Honors Psychology/Keller

Edit



Honors Transfer Program
Las Positas College

ModulesDiscussionsLPC 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

Instructor Info

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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

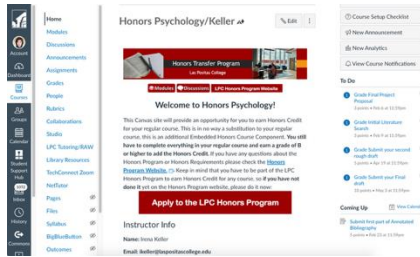
1 Grade Submit your second rough draft 5 points • Apr 19 at 11:59pm

1 Grade Submit your Final draft 10 points • May 3 at 11:59pm

Coming Up

3 View Calendar

1 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:
 - Remove current students 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.

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 Shell (ready to be used)
- ☒ Complete an Honors **orientation**. (*You just did this part! And you can always get a refresher on Honors Faculty Hub Canvas asynchronously too.*)
- ☐ Adjust the Honors Canvas Model Shell and have it checked by the program. (*You can do it TODAY – 1pm in 21209.*)

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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