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Honors College Courses

Criteria for Honors College Courses

The program approved by the IUP Senate in December 1992 proposed that the major ~~difference between honors courses and other IUP courses should be:~~

- 1. they are populated by outstanding students whose presence will in itself change what happens inside the classroom.*
- 2. they will involve students in qualitatively different work rather than simply assigning more work.*
- 3. their pedagogy would show a preponderance of the following characteristics: a)*

more student-centered interactive pedagogy b) concern for affective as well as

c. honors courses will evaluate students in accordance with the principles of an interactive pedagogy. Honors courses should emphasize student projects, presentations, and papers. A minimum of 33% of the final grade in H courses will be based on projects, presentations, writing assignments, and/or performance. It is presumed that honors courses will not use multiple-choice examinations, rather than objective exams, for their testing.

consultation with the Honors College Committee, the Provost, Academic Deans, and Department Chairpersons. This is similar to the procedure for scheduling synthesis courses.

Obviously, the Honors College Committee must assure that an adequate number of honors courses exist to meet the minimum requirements of enrolled students. It is our hope, however, that we can exceed these minimum requirements and allow Honors College

While there is a mechanism to replace faculty where necessary to offer honors courses, this budget is limited. Thus, you have a greater chance of offering your honors course frequently if:

1. it is likely to enroll 20 qualified students.
2. it does not require replacement FTE

Can we expect replacement faculty when we offer an honors course?

Departments requiring replacement faculty because of staffing needs of the Honors College will receive replacement FTE where necessary and as the budget allows. The Provost will oversee this process in consultation with Academic Deans and Department Chairpersons. The Honors College Committee will NOT be involved in this process.

What is the replacement process for Honors College courses?

No. The approval process is for the course, not the instructor. Staffing decisions are made by department chairs and deans who may consult with the Honors College Committee as they feel it is necessary.

How long will the approval process take?

If you are adding a new honors section of an existing course, the process can be completed

Farm to Recount A year in the life of a farmer's course

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Honors College Course Proposal Questions:

To help us understand the pedagogy for your syllabus, please submit your thoughtful and concrete answers to the ten questions below:

1. Upon what definition of an honors student is this course description built?

2. How does this course differ from a regular (non-honors) section of this or a

