

Honors College, Liberal Education, and Prior Learning

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Honors College

- <https://www.fhsu.edu/honorscollege/>
- Located in FL #72. Director – Matt Means
- First class of HC students started this fall.
- Students accepted into the HC receive scholarships worth \$6,700-full ride per year.
- HC freshmen live in the same LLC in McMIndes Hall



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Faculty Opportunities

- The Honors College has several faculty committees that assist Matt (curriculum, admissions, marketing, & nationally competitive scholarships).
- 2-3 sections are offered per semester that are designed as Honors College sections (Spring, 2016 - IDS 407, ENG 125, and ECFI 202)
- HC students can request courses be taken for HC credit by contract with the instructor
- Call for future course proposals



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Liberal Education

- Liberal Education is the curriculum that supports major program curricula in the university.
- General education is a subset of liberal education.
- We are currently in a re-design of our liberal and general education programs.
- Proposed launch of new curriculum is Fall, 2017.



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Liberal Education (cont.)

- Liberal education is steered by the liberal education committee. Committee is led by Dr. Chap Rackaway (POLS) who is the Director of Liberal Education for the university.
- Proposed design is a hybrid of AACU Degree Qualifications Profile (DQP) and LEAP frameworks
- Proposed new Goals and Objectives have been out for comment for several weeks and will go next to Faculty Senate for approval.



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Faculty Opportunities

- Phase III of the liberal education redesign project is curricular mapping. This is where departments and faculty will get to propose courses for inclusion in the new program that both 1] fit the program goals & objectives, and 2] have an approved assessment method embedded within it.
- There will be interdisciplinary opportunities to develop new courses. Familiarize yourself with the goals and objectives once they are officially approved and learn how to propose new courses you are interested in by talking to your department chair.



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Prior Learning Credit (PLA)

- Prior learning is defined as credit awarded for knowledge and skills gained through work and life experiences.
- Examples of such work may include, but are not limited to, employer training programs, work experience, industry certifications, military service, independent study, studying open source software, volunteering, or completing community service.



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Prior Learning Credit

- KBOR desires its member institutions to implement Prior Learning Credit pathways – especially for evaluation of portfolio-based knowledge and skills.
- FHSU is developing a [process for reviewing these requests](#)
- Part of the draft strategic plan calls for FHSU to implement PLA to reach new adult learner markets.



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Faculty Opportunities

- Discuss possible courses in your department where prior learning credit can be granted (departments decide credit grants).
- Possible future service opportunities.
- Consider becoming a prior learning credit assessor. (supplemental pay).



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Questions?

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