# California State University, Stanislaus Seven Year Implementation Plan Template

College: CAHSS Program: UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM Next APR Year: AY 2029-2030

#### **Program Goals:**

The goals of the University Honors Program are to offer suitable challenges and opportunities to highly motivated and committed students; provide Honors students with engaging intellectual environments to facilitate the development of strong academic skills; establish a context in which students explore connections between theory and practice (including service-learning opportunities), learn to connect ideas and methods across disciplines, seek active engagement with local communities, and practice versatile interdisciplinary approaches to problem-solving; cultivate in Honors students a lasting love and enthusiasm for learning, the confidence and ability to think for themselves, and a lifelong commitment to promoting the well-being of human communities; and provide opportunities for faculty to serve as personal research mentors to highly motivated, broadly trained students.

#### **Program Learning Outcomes:**

Honors students will be able to:

- PLO 1: demonstrate strong academic skills in reading, speaking, thinking, and writing.
- PLO 2: identify the value of service-based experiential learning activities as a complement to intellectual endeavors.
- PLO 3: practice independent research and constructive teamwork, including academic peer mentoring.
- PLO 4: apply congruent research methods and analytical frameworks to problems of consequence in the service of authentic community interests.

#### **Program Maintenance Outcomes:**

- PMO 1: Submit course proposals/modifications to better align Honors curriculum with recent/upcoming GE changes
- PMO 2: Explore solutions to challenges created by the University Honors Program's administrative structure
- PMO 3: Secure permanent funding for program scholarships, instruction, administration, Innovative Center improvements, and events
- PMO 4: Explore formal recognition of University Honors Program completion on student diplomas and/or transcript
- PMO 5: Propose possible roles for the University Honors Program as a hub for Undergraduate Research at Stanislaus State

Where are these outcomes published? CAHSS Undergraduate Program Assessment webpage: <a href="https://www.csustan.edu/cahss/assessment-reports">https://www.csustan.edu/cahss/assessment-reports</a>]

Please attach the most current program curriculum map.

—See attached curium map—

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Initiative/Task	APR CYCLE YEAR	ASSESSMENT METHODS/ACTIVITIES	ASSESSMENT PROCESS: COLLECTION/ANALYSIS/ DISCUSSION	RESOURCES NEEDED (IF APPLICABLE)
Program Learning Outcome (PLO)				
PLO 1: demonstrate strong academic skills in reading, speaking, thinking, and writing.	1-7	Indirect Assessment: Student survey and/or interviews  Direct Assessment of PLO 1 in annual Capstone Conference Posters, Presentations, and Journal articles	Indirect Assessment: Honors survey and/or interviews (including Honors YouTube channel contributions) are administered to students in the program.  Direct assessment: Honors Co-Directors and faculty evaluate a course assignment or activity, Honors Capstone Conference poster or presentation, Journal of Exploratory Research article, or other artifact of student work using a 3-tiered rubric to assess elements of PLO 1 as indicated.  Results are tabulated, distributed, and discussed by Honors Co-Directors and interested faculty at the annual Honors faculty lunch, during meetings, informally, and via email.	Co-Director and Honors faculty time and willingness to collaborate (including providing access to course assignments).  Continued support for the Capstone Conference and Journal of Exploratory Research in which presentations and articles are disseminated.
PLO 2: identify the value of service-based experiential learning activities as a complement to intellectual endeavors.	2, 4	Indirect Assessment: Student survey and/or interviews  Direct Assessment of PLO 2 in Years 2, 4 (HONS 2850 presentation/assignment)	Indirect Assessment: Honors survey and/or interviews (including Honors YouTube channel contributions) are administered to students in the program.  Direct assessment: Honors Co-Directors and faculty evaluate a course assignment or activity, Honors Capstone Conference poster or presentation, or other artifact of student work using a 3-tiered rubric to assess PLO 2.  Results are tabulated, distributed, and discussed by Honors Co-Directors and interested faculty at the annual Honors faculty lunch, during meetings, informally, and via email.	Co-Director and Honors faculty time and willingness to collaborate (including providing access to course assignments).  Continued support for the Capstone Conference and Journal of Exploratory Research in which presentations and articles are disseminated.

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PLO 3: practice independent research and constructive teamwork, including academic peer mentoring.  PLO 4: apply congruent research methods and analytical frameworks to problems of consequence in the service of authentic community interests.	1-7	Indirect Assessment: Student survey and/or interviews  Direct Assessment of PLO 3 in Years 3, 5 (HONS 3990, HONS 3500, HONS 4200, or HONS 4960 research and/or peer review assignment or HONS 3000, HONS 3050, or HONS 3100 group assignment)  Indirect Assessment: Student survey and/or interviews  Direct Assessment of PLO 4 in annual Capstone Conference Posters, Presentations, and Journal articles	Indirect Assessment: Honors survey and/or interviews (including Honors YouTube channel contributions) are administered to students in the program.  Direct assessment: Honors Co-Directors and faculty evaluate a course assignment or activity, Honors Capstone Conference poster or presentation, or other artifact of student work using a 3-tiered rubric to assess PLO 2.  Results are tabulated, distributed, and discussed by Honors Co-Directors and interested faculty at the annual Honors faculty lunch, during meetings, informally, and via email.  Indirect Assessment: Honors survey and/or interviews (including Honors YouTube channel contributions) are administered to students in the program.  Direct assessment: Honors Co-Directors and faculty evaluate a course assignment or activity, Honors Capstone Conference poster or presentation, or other artifact of student work using a 3-tiered rubric to assess PLO 2.  Results are tabulated, distributed, and discussed by Honors Co-Directors and interested faculty at the annual Honors faculty lunch, during meetings, informally, and via email.	Co-Director and Honors faculty time and willingness to collaborate (including providing access to course assignments).  Continued support for the Capstone Conference and Journal of Exploratory Research in which presentations and articles are disseminated.  Co-Director and Honors faculty time and willingness to collaborate (including providing access to course assignments).  Continued support for the Capstone Conference and Journal of Exploratory Research in which presentations and articles are disseminated.
Program Maintenance Objective (PLO)				
PMO 1: Submit course proposals/modifications to better align Honors curriculum with recent/upcoming GE changes Immediate priorities include:	1	Indirect Assessment: Student survey and/or interviews  Direct Assessments of PLOs 1-4 on a rotating basis (see above)	Indirect Assessment: Honors survey and/or interviews (including Honors YouTube channel contributions) are administered to students in the program.	Co-Director's time to research and prepare necessary modifications.

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Systems of Inequities University Requirement along with GE Area requirements (especially Area D)  • Modifying (and possibly eliminating cross-listings for) HONS 2010 and HONS 2990 in light of reduced GE Area D requirements  • Working with ETHS faculty to propose an ETHS course in the Honors program that would meet the GE Area F requirement in the same way that ENGL 1005, COMM 2005, and PHIL 2005 meet GE Area A requirements  • Modifying HONS 3500 and/or COMM 2005 to reflect any changes to GE Areas E and A1 required by the implementation of AB-928		likely provide the most relevant data for PMO 1 as will student time to degree and persistence in the program.	discussed by Honors Co-Directors and interested faculty at the annual Honors faculty lunch, during meetings, informally, and via email.	administrative time to complete the review process.  Collaboration with other programs.
PMO 2: Explore solutions to challenges created by the University Honors Program's administrative structure Immediate priorities include:  • Addressing issues raised by Honors' position outside the academic department structure (staff supervision, appointment and review of temporary part-time faculty who teach exclusively in Honors, etc.)	1, 2	Indirect Assessment: Student survey and/or interviews  Direct Assessments of PLOs 1-4 on a rotating basis (see above)  PLO 2, 3, and 4 direct assessment measures will likely provide the data related most directly to this PMO as the quantity and quality of student programming is directly impacted by administrative capacity.	Indirect Assessment: Honors survey and/or interviews (including Honors YouTube channel contributions) are administered to students in the program.  Direct assessment: Honors Co-Directors and faculty evaluate a course assignment or activity, Honors Capstone Conference poster or presentation, or other artifact of student work using a 3-tiered rubric to assess PLO 2.  Results are tabulated, distributed, and discussed by Honors Co-Directors and interested faculty at the annual Honors	The resources required to elevate the program to a department and designate the Honors Co-Director as a Department Chair.  Funding to increase the time base of the Honors ASC I.  Funding to increase the amount of assigned time

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<ul> <li>Securing additional assigned time and administrative support as new collaborations are initiated (e.g. PCV1G Scholars, McNair Scholars, TRDRP-SVFSI, etc.)</li> </ul>		·	faculty lunch, during meetings, informally, and via email.	for the Honors Co- Director.
PMO 3: Secure and increase permanent funding for program scholarships, instruction, student events, and Innovative Center improvements (including updated instructional technology for the seminar room, IC-100D).  Immediate priorities include:  • Technology refresh for IC-100D • Confirmation of funds required to supplement Yecny fund income to maintain scholarship support at current levels (\$190,000 serving an average of 110-120 students each year)	On- going	Indirect Assessment: Student survey and/or interviews  Direct Assessments of PLOs 1-4 on a rotating basis (see above)  PLO 1 and 4 direct assessment measures will likely provide the data related most directly to this PMO as they would likely be impacted most directly by future fluctuations in funding.	Indirect Assessment: Honors survey and/or interviews (including Honors YouTube channel contributions) are administered to students in the program.  Direct assessment: Honors Co-Directors and faculty evaluate a course assignment or activity, Honors Capstone Conference poster or presentation, or other artifact of student work using a 3-tiered rubric to assess PLO 2.  Results are tabulated, distributed, and discussed by Honors Co-Directors and interested faculty at the annual Honors faculty lunch, during meetings, informally, and via email.	University Advancement time and resources to build on the Yecny endowment to increase funding available for scholarships  Dedicated Honors instructional, administrative, facilities, and events budgets.  Appointment of standing faculty in Honors
PMO 4: Explore formal recognition of University Honors Program completion on student diplomas and/or transcript	4	Indirect Assessment: Student survey and/or interviews  Direct Assessments of PLOs 1-4 on a rotating basis (see above)  The indirect assessment data gathered in surveys and interviews will be a direct way to gauge student interest in PMO 4.	Indirect Assessment: Honors survey and/or interviews (including Honors YouTube channel contributions) are administered to students in the program.  Direct assessment: Honors Co-Directors and faculty evaluate a course assignment or activity, Honors Capstone Conference poster or presentation, or other artifact of student work using a 3-tiered rubric to assess PLO 2.  Results are tabulated, distributed, and discussed by Honors Co-Directors and interested faculty at the annual Honors	Collaboration with the Registrar for a transcript and/or diploma notation.  Assigned time required to write and propose an Honors minor(s) and associated with elevating Honors to a department.

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			faculty lunch, during meetings, informally, and via email.	
PMO 5: Propose possible roles for the University Honors Program as a hub for Undergraduate Research at Stanislaus State		Indirect Assessment: Student survey and/or interviews  Direct Assessments of PLOs 1-4 on a rotating basis (see above)	Indirect Assessment: Honors survey and/or interviews (including Honors YouTube channel contributions) are administered to students in the program.  Direct assessment: Honors Co-Directors and faculty evaluate a course assignment or	Collaboration with University stakeholders with an interest in supporting undergraduate research
	5-7	PLO 3 and 4 direct assessment measures will likely provide the data related most directly to this PMO	activity, Honors Capstone Conference poster or presentation, or other artifact of student work using a 3-tiered rubric to assess PLO 2.	
			Results are tabulated, distributed, and discussed by Honors Co-Directors and interested faculty at the annual Honors faculty lunch, during meetings, informally, and via email.	
PMO 6: Explore and implement strategies to increase participation in the University Honors Program with an emphasis on increasing the number of		Indirect Assessment: Student survey and/or interviews  Direct Assessments of PLOs 1-4 on a	Indirect Assessment: Honors survey and/or interviews (including Honors YouTube channel contributions) are administered to students in the program.	Collaboration with current students to identify barriers to participation in the
1 <sup>st</sup> generation, Pell eligible, and underrepresented students.	On- going	rotating basis (see above)  Review of student demographics on an annual basis to assess progress.	Direct assessment: Honors Co-Directors and faculty evaluate a course assignment or activity, Honors Capstone Conference poster or presentation, or other artifact of student work using a 3-tiered rubric to assess PLO 2.	University Honors Program and dismantle them.  Resources to increase and improve outreach to
			Results are tabulated, distributed, and discussed by Honors Co-Directors and interested faculty at the annual Honors faculty lunch, during meetings, informally, and via email.	members of groups currently underrepresented in Honors.
			Data are requested from the Office of Institutional Effectiveness & Analytics at the end of each academic year.	