**Mohawk Valley Community College**

**Utica and Rome, New York**

**Course Outline**

**Course Title: HP101 Introduction to Honors C-1, P-0, Cr-1**

**Course Description:**

This course is the first step in completing the Honors Program and earning the Honors distinction. Through a series of readings and exercises, students will gain a whole-brain approach to learning – the foundation for making original discoveries. They also develop personal, academic, and professional goals. Students will draft a formal proposal for their independent research project by the end of the course. In the process of completing these tasks, students will develop an Honors community. The CF100 program requirement is waived for students who complete this course.

**Prerequisites:**

Admittance into Honors Program and/or award of Presidential Scholarship

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

At the completion of the course, the student will:

1. Students will demonstrate an understanding of the importance of the student/faculty and mentee/mentor relationship here at MVCC.
2. Students will explore the definition of role(s) of “genius” in the contemporary world through reading, writing, and discussion.
3. Students will develop an understanding of the habits of mind necessary to be an outstanding student, including, but not limited to curiosity, critical thinking, rhetorical awareness, and the ability to embrace paradox and ambiguity.
4. Students will work effectively with other students in groups.
5. Students will assist in the development of an Honors community on campus.
6. Students will prepare for an Honors Independent Research Project by developing a research question, conducting preparatory research to further refine the question or problem, finding a mentor, and completing a formal proposal.

**Major Topics:**

1. Curiosity and life-long learning
2. Learning through experience
3. Development of the senses
4. Embracing paradox
5. Balancing the Arts and Sciences
6. Exploring connections between disparate phenomena

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