

THE HONORS PROGRAM: THE LIFE OF THE MIND
HEIDELBERG COLLEGE
and
THE HONORS COLLEGE
MIAMI DADE COLLEGE

HONORS ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Purpose

THE HONORS PROGRAM at Heidelberg College and THE HONORS COLLEGE at Miami Dade College mutually desire to enter into this Agreement to facilitate the smooth and successful transition of outstanding graduates of THE HONORS COLLEGE at Miami Dade College to the HONORS PROGRAM at Heidelberg College.

This agreement reflects the full appreciation of Heidelberg College and its importance in providing THE HONORS COLLEGE graduates of Miami Dade College access to the opportunities and facilities for educational enrichment at Heidelberg College. Therefore, to facilitate this transition and to encourage qualified Miami Dade graduates to pursue degrees through Heidelberg College, graduates of THE HONORS COLLEGE at Miami Dade College shall be accepted directly into Heidelberg College's HONORS PROGRAM, provided they meet conditions stipulated within this agreement.

I. HEIDELBERG COLLEGE PROVISIONS

- a. Heidelberg College will admit graduates of THE HONORS COLLEGE at Miami Dade College to the HONORS PROGRAM at Heidelberg College with junior standing provided that:
 - i. The student has been recommended by THE HONORS COLLEGE at Miami Dade College;
 - ii. The student has earned an Associate in Arts degree from Miami Dade College;
 - iii. And the student has been admitted to Heidelberg College
- b. Heidelberg College will award, where applicable, packaged scholarships of no less than the amounts noted in the table below.
 - i. For Honors College transfer students and Phi Theta Kappa transfer students with a GPA of 3.5 or above:
A merit award of \$5,000.00, which will be combined with a \$4,000.00 out-of-state grant.
 - ii. For transfer students with GPA's of 3.3 to 3.49:
A merit award of \$4,000.00, which will be combined with a \$4,000.00 out-of-state grant.

- c. The curriculum in the HONORS PROGRAM at Heidelberg College will be met in the following manner:
- i. All four thematic seminars (Scholar, Scientist, Artist, Citizen) must be taken at Heidelberg College;
 - ii. The requirement for HNR 307—Service Learning Seminar is met through the service learning experiences in THE HONORS COLLEGE at Miami Dade College’s curriculum as evidenced by the completion of the six credits earned in Leadership courses (IDH 2935, 2970 and 2931) This does not preclude students from enrolling in HNR 307. Students, who have not completed IDH 2935, 2970, and 2931, will be required to take HNR 307.
 - iii. Support courses will be accepted based on the Heidelberg College HONORS PROGRAM distribution (Arts, Humanities, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences) as determined by the Associate Dean of the HONORS PROGRAM at Heidelberg College
 - iv. The requirement for HNR 111—Introduction to the Life of the Mind is met through previous Miami Dade College courses and experiences in THE HONORS COLLEGE, but this does not preclude students from enrolling in HNR 111. Non-Honors College students may be required to take HNR 111.
 - v. The Honors Program Portfolio will incorporate portfolio materials from Miami Dade College. In addition it will include entries from the four thematic seminars, a senior reflective essay, and HNR 455 Sr. Honors Project.
 - vi. College requirements for completion of a Heidelberg College departmental or interdisciplinary major must be met.
 - vii. At least 60 semester hours must be earned at a 4-year institution- 30 of these must be taken at Heidelberg College. (Heidelberg College cannot guarantee that only an additional 60 semester hours will be required to complete the degree requirements).
 - viii. Other college requirements for honors students (HPE, junior written and oral capstone requirements in the major) must be fulfilled.
- d. HONORS PROGRAM at Heidelberg College invites all Miami Dade College students and faculty at The Honors College to attend admission sessions, lectures, convocations, and other educational program initiatives, especially the workshop on “The Life of the Mind.”

- e. HONORS PROGRAM at Heidelberg College will encourage Heidelberg College students and faculty to participate in facilitating a smooth transition for any students from THE HONORS COLLEGE AT Miami Dade College to Heidelberg College. (Student mentors and a student committee will be appointed.)
- f. Transfer students from THE HONORS COLLEGE at Miami Dade College who meet the requirements of Heidelberg College and the HONORS PROGRAM will graduate from Heidelberg College with an Honors Diploma.

II. MIAMI DADE HONORS COLLEGE PROVISIONS.

THE HONORS COLLEGE at Miami Dade College shall:

- a. Provide an honors curriculum that includes:
 - i. a minimum of 40 hours of Service Learning, with written reflection;
 - ii. experiences that underscore responsibilities of an honors student (HNR 111); examples of which may be:
 - iii. portfolio requirement consistent with accepted academic standards
- b. Recommend graduates who have maintained at least a 3.5 grade point average (GPA). Those with lower GPA may be recommended at the discretion of the dean of THE HONORS COLLEGE at Miami Dade College.
- c. Make available to students the appropriate advice and counseling to enable them to transition smoothly to Heidelberg College and complete their programs successfully. (Committee to be appointed.)
- d. Provide scholarship recommendations for THE HONORS COLLEGE students who have completed the Associate in Arts degree and fulfilled graduation requirements for THE HONORS COLLEGE, with the understanding that Heidelberg College will not necessarily be precluded from offering scholarships to other qualified MIAMI DADE COLLEGE graduates.

III. TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT

- a. This Agreement shall take effect on March 12, 2007 and shall be in effect continuously unless either party provides the other with written notice of one hundred twenty (120) days preceding the date from which it wishes to terminate the Agreement.
- b. Modifications of, additions to, and deletions from this Agreement shall be in writing and signed by both parties.
- c. This agreement is subject to change by actions of the Heidelberg College Board of Trustees, or the HONORS PROGRAM at Heidelberg College, Miami Dade College Board of Trustees, or THE HONORS COLLEGE at MIAMI DADE COLLEGE.
- d. This Agreement shall be renewed automatically on July 1 of each year unless either party gives notice of intent to modify it, in accordance with section III (a) above.

SIGNATURES

HEIDELBERG COLLEGE
HONORS PROGRAM

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F. Dominic Dottavio
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