Honors Students at UAH

As of spring 2017: 612 Students from over 25 states and multiple countries
Average incoming HS GPA: 4.15
Median ACT of incoming freshmen: 31
Freshman classes will average about 300 students each year.

Breakdown by college:

Largest majors: Mechanical, Aero, Computer Science, Biology

About 50% live on campus, most of those in Franz and North Hall. Franz hall is entirely Honors and includes office and student space.

Their needs:
- Contract courses
- Self-standing honors courses
- Special Honors Seminars
- Thesis and research mentor

Contract Courses:
-- Student comes to you with contract proposal form. You and student decide how to enrich the course. I encourage *replacing or changing*, rather than *adding*. Important for upper division courses. Consult the contract guide for ideas.

Self-standing Honors Courses:
-- Only make sense for courses that can support 20-35 students (courses that serve as gen ed. courses)
-- Must be smaller
-- Different kind of work, not more work
-- Can be done as “concurrent” section, like grad/undergrad class

Special Honors Seminars:
-- Taught under HON designation
-- Prefer 1-credit hour
-- Any topic but prefer interdisciplinary. Examples: Robot Ethics; Planets, Exoplanets, Other Worlds; Poverty in the U.S.
-- Honors College pays overload or compensation – can be team-taught

Thesis and Research Mentor:
-- All Honors Students must complete an Honors Capstone Project or Thesis to earn their Honors Diploma
-- Can be a research thesis
-- Can be a project (application, code, a hearing aid)
-- Go to Honors College Website>Research and Capstone>Honors Capstone Project to find handbook that discusses what is required
-- Can be a group project!