School of Humanities and Social Sciences

Honors Program Curriculum

The idea behind the Humanities/Social Sciences Honors Program is to establish a small program of exclusive inter-disciplinary classes, program activities, and study/seminar space for qualified students in the liberal arts and social science disciplines.

The purpose of the program is to provide cultural, academic, and social “perks” exclusively to a cohort of higher-achieving students interested in the various academic areas of liberal arts and the social sciences.

Each of the first four (4) colloquia is designed to fulfill a general education or other university required course. Completion of 18 hours or more in the Program constitutes an academic minor in Honors Studies. See page two for details.

The 300- and 400-level classes are designed to encourage academic research and writing under the direction of a mentor, leading to a senior thesis. For those students planning to attend graduate school, the senior thesis is of particular benefit from the admissions process through the entire course of study.

For additional information on the curriculum or other queries about the program, please contact:

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HONR 101: Honors Colloquium I 3 cr.

Introduction to interdisciplinary studies and project-based learning with particular emphasis on media, literature, and social issues specific to Western higher education. Fulfills the Freshman Seminar requirement. Prerequisite: Acceptance into the Honors program. Three hours of lecture.

HONR 102: Honors Colloquium II 3 cr.

Interdisciplinary study with particular emphasis on multi-cultural writing, literature, and social issues. Fulfills the ENGL 115 general education requirement. Prerequisite: HONR 101. Three hours of lecture.

HONR 201: Honors Colloquium III 3 cr.

Interdisciplinary study with particular emphasis on history and humanities in a current events setting. Fulfills a humanities general education requirement. Prerequisite: HONR 102. Three hours of lecture.

HONR 202: Honors Colloquium IV 3 cr.

Seminar focusing on a special topic relative in a humanities discipline in a current events setting. Fulfills a humanities requirement. Prerequisite: HONR 201. Three hours of lecture.

HONR 395: Junior Seminar 3 cr.

Pre-thesis work including primary source research, field research, interviewing techniques, and academic writing. Theme changes each semester. Involves coursework and directed fieldwork as a service learning component. May be repeated twice for credit. Prerequisite: HONR 202. Three hours of lecture.

HONR 495: Senior Thesis 3 cr.

Original thesis under the direction of a faculty member in the student’s area of study making use of interdisciplinary work and primary source materials. Prerequisite: HONR 395. Three hours of lecture.