

UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM COURSES—Fall 2006

Honors English Composition I (Core Area A)

Taught by Dr. David Buehrer 3 credit hours CRN: 81126
ENGL 1101H, section A 11:00-12:15 TR West Hall 303

Honors Comp. I, even more so than its counterpart Eng. 1101, will emphasize critical thinking, reading, and writing, the modes of expository writing, and other general grammar and composition skills. Through group discussion, individual work, peer review sessions, and conferences with the instructor, we will stress writing as a *process* of prewriting/brainstorming, drafting, and rewriting/revising. We will also examine numerous professionally written essays as loose stylistic and intellectual models for your own. Many of the assignments will emphasize analytical reading skills and an understanding of basic English grammar and usage. Texts will include Miller's The Prentice Hall Reader, Lunford's The St. Martin's Handbook, and other handouts/reference materials.

Honors English Composition I (Core Area A)

Taught by Dr. Theresa Thompson 3 credit hours CRN: 81248
ENGL 1101H, section B 9:30-10:45 TR West Hall 259

An honors-level composition course focusing on skills required for effective writing in a variety of contexts with emphasis on more advanced forms of critical analysis, exposition, and argumentation/persuasion, and also stressing introductory use of a variety of research skills.

Honors English Composition II (Core Area A)

Taught by Dr. Karen Jacobsen 3 credit hours CRN: 81174
ENGL 1102H 2:00-3:15 TR West Hall 262

Prerequisite: ENGL 1101 or 1101H. A composition course focusing on writing skills beyond the levels of proficiency required by ENGL 1101. In this course, students will explore an array of contemporary social issues as they expand and refine their ability to discover, interpret, evaluate, and respond to arguments offered from a variety of perspectives. They will present and support their conclusions in carefully researched and documented essays.

Honors Precalculus (Core Area A)

Taught by Dr. Charles Kicey 3 credit hours CRN: 80996
MATH 1113H 10:00-10:50 MWF Nevins Hall 2103

Prerequisite: Either MATH 1112 or both a mathematics SAT score exceeding 549 and a strong background in high school mathematics, including the equivalent of MATH 1112. A study of polynomial, rational, and transcendental functions and applications, conic sections, polar coordinates, parametric equations, and proofs by mathematical induction. A strong mathematical background will be assumed so these topics can be studied from an advanced viewpoint. Non-routine problem solving and the use of mathematical software may be included.

Honors Perspectives on Ethics and Values: Human Nature/Human Futures (Core Area B)

Taught by Dr. James Hill 2 credit hours CRN: 82202
PERS 2170H 11:00-11:50 MW Honors House

An investigation of human identity as it is currently being defined in the interstices of science and the humanities. Students will use the disciplinary traditions and perspectives of philosophy and a seminar-style format to examine how advances in the natural sciences affect the modern understanding of what it means to be human. Topics will include such issues as genetic mapping and genetic manipulation, the creation of artificial intelligence, and the fusion of man and machine through such cutting-edge developments as embedded computer chips and robotic implants.

Honors Introduction to the Visual Arts (Core Area C)

Taught by Dr. Joyce Davis 3 credit hours CRN: 81418
ART 1100H 11:00-11:50 MW Univ. Center 2004

An introductory survey of world art, at the Honors level, from prehistoric to the contemporary period, set in the context of historical, political, economic, and social events.

Honors World Literature I: The Ancient World (Core Area C)

Taught by Dr. Kathryn Hall
ENGL 2110H

3 credit hours
11:00-12:15 TR

CRN: 81165
West Hall 153

Prerequisite: ENGL 1102 or 1102H. An in-depth study of selected works of literature and their cultural backgrounds from the beginning of writing to the end of the classical period. This course presents myths, epics, dramas, and prose works from the Hebrew, Greek, Roman, and other traditions that laid the foundation for modern intellectual thought. Selections from such writers as Homer, Sophocles, and Plato and such works as the bible and Koran will be presented in their historical and cultural contexts.

Honors Principles of Logic and Argumentation (Core Area C)

Taught by Dr. James Hill
PHIL 2020H

3 credit hours
5:00-7:45 M

CRN: 80611
Honors House

An introduction to the principles of logic and the nature of argumentation pursued in a discussion-based environment. Attention will be given to language analysis, fallacies of reasoning, deductive and inductive procedures, subjective factors of reasoning and scientific method. Emphasis is on the practical application of basic principles to the analyses of ethical, political, and legal arguments and theories.

Honors United States History Since 1865 (Core Area E)

Taught by Dr. Mary Block
HIST 2112H

3 credit hours
11:00-12:15 TR

CRN: 81315
West Hall 260

This course provides students with a general knowledge and understanding of U. S. history from the period of Reconstruction to the present. The course will be taught thematically and will cover the major political, economic, social, and cultural developments in the United States since 1865. This course will help students to analyze historical events and sources of historical information so that they may come to understand the major movements and themes in U. S. history. Additionally, it will help students to develop critical thinking and analytical skills. Students will be required to read and write about historical topics and meeting times will be devoted to discussion of reading assignments with lecture kept to a minimum.

Honors Contemporary Global Issues (Core Area E)

Taught by Dr. Michael Baun
POLS 2401H

3 credit hours
12:30-1:45 TR

CRN: 81500
West Hall 305

This class examines major global issues, including terrorism, weapons proliferation, economic development, energy, the environment, democratization, and human rights. For each of these issues, it considers the role and interests of key national governments (including the US), international organizations (such as the UN), and non-governmental interest groups. It also examines progress towards the establishment of global and regional governance systems to deal with these and other issues. Given its tremendous power and influence, a key question examined in this course is whether the United States is playing a constructive or negative role in efforts to deal with global issues and problems.

Honors Introductory Seminar

TBA
HONS 1990, section A

2 credit hours
9:00-9:50 MW

CRN: 80806
Honors House

An interdisciplinary seminar designed for students entering the Honors Program. In this course students practice various methods of inquiry and analysis, practice the protocols of analytical discussion, and refine their understanding of themselves and their place in the academy.

Honors Introductory Seminar

TBA
HONS 1990, section B

2 credit hours
12:00-12:50 MW

CRN: 80807
Honors House

An interdisciplinary seminar designed for students entering the Honors Program. In this course students practice various methods of inquiry and analysis, practice the protocols of analytical discussion, and refine their understanding of themselves and their place in the academy.

Honors Introductory Seminar:

TBA

2 credit hours

CRN: 80808

HONS 1990, section C

2:00-2:50 TR

Honors House

An interdisciplinary seminar designed for students entering the Honors Program. In this course students practice various methods of inquiry and analysis, practice the protocols of analytical discussion, and refine their understanding of themselves and their place in the academy.

Honors Capstone Seminar: The Environment

Taught by Dr. Thomas Manning

3 credit hours

CRN: 80809

HONS 3990

12:30-1:45 TR

Honors House

The study of the environment can be divided into two general areas. The first involves studying the natural cycles that take place and the second involves the impact that people and their various technologies have on our world. This study of the environment will be oriented towards students who have little background in environmental science but are interested in looking at and understanding the environment from a number of perspectives including literature, art, marketing, music, politics and some science and technology. The class format will vary from class to class and will include debates, discussions, talks and field trips.

Nota Bene:

A 3.00 GPA qualifies you to take Honors courses. Honors courses have limited seating and are enriched with opportunities to broaden your understanding of a particular subject. A Certificate in Honors is earned with a total of 20 hours in Honors credits. Call 249-4894 for more information!!

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Honors Program applications and information about the Honors Option can be picked up at the Honors House, 2 Brookwood Circle (behind Admissions and Auxiliary Services, across Patterson Street from Main Campus).