

UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM

COURSES

SPRING 2001

HONORS CORE CURRICULUM COURSES

Honors English Composition II

Taught by Dr. Julie Armstrong
CRN: 20548
ENGL 1102 H, section A
West Hall 258

3 credit hours
9:00-9:50 MWF

This course will emphasize skills beyond the level required of ENGL 1102, with two main types of writing being stressed: argumentative/persuasive essays and research based essays. We will focus on critical reading and writing skills, process-based approaches to composition, and advanced library research techniques. Students will produce a longer critical research paper as a final course requirement, and many of the other writing assignments will follow from our discussion of essays in a theme/mode-based reader we'll be using.

Honors English Composition II

Taught by Dr. Dave Buehrer
CRN: 20549
ENGL 1102 H, section B
West Hall 258

3 credit hours
10:00-10:50 MWF

This course's focus will be on research, literary criticism, and its application to fiction in order to provide varied forms of interpretation and evaluation of the primary texts. Critical theories will include New Criticism, Historical and New Historical Criticism, Psychological Criticism, and Feminist Criticism. Fiction will be regional, emphasizing local and global themes. All essays will be researched persuasive pieces, all students will participate in peer evaluation and workshops on the essays. Goals include written and oral competencies, increased awareness of the global community, and increased proficiency and skills in research.

Honors American Government

Taught by Dr. Richard Saeger (rtsaeger@valdosta.edu)
CRN: 11591
POLS 1101H
TR
West Hall 301

3 credit hours
12:30-1:45

A survey course to provide honors students with an understanding of the institutions and political processes of the American system of government, taught in an enriched environment. Students are also given an overview of Georgia's Constitution, state politics, and state government institutions. This course satisfies legislative requirements for the study of U.S. and Georgia Constitutions.

Honors Fundamentals of Philosophy

Taught by Dr. Ari Santas (asantas@valdosta.edu)

3 credit hours

CRN: 10020

PHIL 2010 H

1:00-1:50 MWF

Honors House

Students will be introduced to Philosophy through engagement in the activities it involves: reading, discussion, peer teaching and evaluation. Using texts from the ancient to the modern period, we shall consider, discuss and explore together issues within the following fields of philosophy: Ethics, Metaphysics, Philosophy in Literature, Political Philosophy and Environmental Philosophy. In addition to in class exercises and discussions, the class as a whole to design and implement their own assignments, criteria for their evaluation, and produce products which will be of use to future students in this course. As a culminating assignment, the students of the course will create a Fundamentals of Philosophy Web site, which will be used for reference by all future students of philosophy, in this course and beyond.

Honors Survey of Economics: "Economics and Contemporary Issues,"

Taught by Dr. Wayne Plumly (lwplumly@valdosta.edu)

3 credit

hours

CRN: 10285

ECON 1900H

2:00-2:50 MWF

RCE 304

Designed to create student interest in economics and the world around us, this course examines major issues of both today and tomorrow that will affect each of us in a very personal way. Topics that you hear and read about daily are used as the framework from which the basic economic principles are taught. We will analyze public policy issues and discuss alternatives for dealing effectively with social problems. Students will become better prepared and challenged to critically examine the world around them.

HONORS SEMINAR COURSES

"Idealism and Beyond": The Introductory Honors Seminar

Taught by Dr. Brian Adler (badler@valdosta.edu)

2 credit hours

HONS 1990, section A

Honors House

10:00-10:50

MW

CRN: 20389

HONS 1990, section B

Honors House

2:00-2:50

MW

CRN: 20390

How do we learn? What do we know? What do we do with our knowledge? What are some basic and often hidden assumptions about our culture that affect us and how we think? What does Elie Wiesel, the Holocaust survivor and Nobel Prize winner, mean when he says, "The essence of [human being] is to question and the essence of the question is to be without answer"? These and other questions will concern us as we engage in life both within and outside the university. This course is required of all students in the Honors Program.

"Peace Makers of the 20th Century": A Capstone Seminar to Complete the Honors Program

Taught by Dr. Jeff Vasseur (jvasseur@valdosta.edu)

3 credit hours

CRN: 20597

HONS 3990

3:00-5:45 Thursday

Honors House

What is peace? How many ways can peace be defined? What are the obstacles to peace? For whom is peace too costly to risk? Why is that some men and women are willing to die for peace? Who are the *Peacemakers*? This is a capstone course that addresses these questions among many others. In order to inform discussions the class will critically analyze the legacies of 20th century Peacemakers in readings, films, and "virtual" field experiences on the World Wide Web. Students in the course also make an "actual" excursion to The Carter Center, The Martin Luther King Jr. Center, the Ebenezer Baptist Church, and Amnesty International. Another enriching feature of this capstone experience is an opportunity to engage in discussion with men and women living in the Valdosta community who have made significant contributions to peace in our time. The journey to celebrate monuments to peace is paralleled by a personal inner journey that seeks to identify and challenge obstacles to peace. The Honors Capstone concludes with individual or group projects designed by course participants.

A Certificate in Honors can be earned by taking a total of five Honors core courses, plus the introductory seminar, and one capstone seminar.

! 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.

! If you are through with your core courses, you may receive Honors credit through the Honors Option program (taking courses in your major, but contracting to receive Honors credit).

! Information concerning the Honors Option is also available at the Honors House.

! Application forms to join the Honors Program are available at the VSU Honors House, # 2 Brookwood Circle (behind Admissions and Public Safety, across Patterson Street from Main Campus). Contact Dr. Brian Adler at 249-4894 for more information.

A world of exploration, spirited debate, and significant accomplishment awaits you. The door is open!