

# HONORS COLLEGE PROGRAMS

## University-wide Honors Curricula

Honors curricula are designed to meet the needs of highly motivated students who want to be challenged to reach their full potential. Honors courses are of four kinds: regular courses with Honors designated sections; Honors courses offered under various departmental subject areas (for a list of these see below); Honors College courses offered under the HON subject area code; and, regular courses taken as Honors-level course work by individual students (see below under Honors-Option Course Work).

Many Honors courses fulfill University General Education requirements (<http://bulletins.wayne.edu/undergraduate/general-information/general-education/>). There are no maximum credit restrictions on the number of Honors credits applicable towards graduation. Completion of any Honors course leads to Honors-designated transcript notation for the course.

Students whose cumulative grade point average (g.p.a.) is at least 3.3, but who are not formally admitted to the Honors College, are eligible to elect Honors courses to enrich their educational experiences. Such requests should be directed via e-mail to [honors@wayne.edu](mailto:honors@wayne.edu).

Students who are invited into the Honors College as incoming first-year students are expected to pursue University Honors, with the option of Departmental Honors in their major as well. Students who are accepted to the Honors College as current Wayne State University students or as transfer students are invited to pursue Departmental Honors and/or University Honors.

## Admission

There are three pathways into the Honors College:

- Incoming first-year students are considered for the Honors College during the regular Wayne State admission process based on 1. a combination of their high school GPA and SAT/ACT score or 2. only their high school GPA, if they are a test optional applicant; there is no separate application. The selected students are invited to pursue University Honors; they may also later pursue Departmental Honors.
- Transfer students are invited to join Honors based on cumulative GPA and transferable credits from their previous institution. The selected students may pursue Departmental and/or University Honors.
- Current Wayne State students with a 3.3 GPA and at least 12 Wayne State credits may apply to the Honors College by filling out the Honors College application online. Applications are processed after Feb. 15, June 15 and Oct. 15. The selected students may pursue Departmental and/or University Honors.

## College Requirements

To remain in the Honors College, a student normally will be expected to:

1. pursue University and/or Departmental Honors;
2. maintain a cumulative g.p.a. of 3.3 or higher; however, colleges/departments may establish a higher g.p.a. for retention in a college/departments program; and
3. satisfy the University General Education requirements (<http://bulletins.wayne.edu/undergraduate/general-information/general-education/>).

A student whose cumulative g.p.a. falls below 3.3 and is, for that reason, dropped from the Honors College, may reapply when his/her cumulative g.p.a. is 3.3 or higher.

For first-year Honors students, HON 1000 and the Honors Foundational Seminar are required to be taken in Fall and Winter semesters, respectively.

## Departmental Honors Requirements

Students seeking a degree with Departmental Honors must contact their major department or the Honors College for specific requirements (see the appropriate departmental section of this bulletin). However, all Departmental Honors programs require at least twelve credits in Honors-designated coursework, including:

1. a senior essay or thesis or project done in the student's major department, and
2. at least one 42xx-level seminar offered through the Honors College (HON 4200-4280), and
3. a minimum cumulative g.p.a. of 3.3 (higher in some departments) is required for graduation

## Honors Degrees

Most departments offer Departmental Honors. Please visit the Honors website (<https://honors.wayne.edu/academics/honors-requirements/departments/>) or the Honors college for a current list of available programs. Graduation with University Honors is reserved for students who complete twenty-eight Honors credits as outlined under University Honors Requirements.

A student who satisfactorily completes a Departmental Honors curriculum or a University Honors curriculum will receive the appropriate Honors designation on both the diploma and the academic transcript. Approval of the Honors College is necessary for graduation with University Honors. Students who complete the requirements of both the university-wide Honors College and a college/departments/school Honors Program shall have both designations on the transcript and the diploma. Only a single senior essay, thesis, or project shall be required unless a student is pursuing Departmental Honors in multiple majors.

## University Honors Requirements

Students who have been invited to the Honors College as freshmen are expected to complete:

1. at least twenty-eight credits in Honors-designated course work, including HON 1000, and the Honors Foundational Seminar;
2. a field learning through HON 3000
3. a 42XX-level seminar offered by the Honors College (HON 4200-HON 4280);
4. a minimum three-credit Honors Thesis or creative project (HON 4998 or Departmental Honors thesis).

## Honors-Option Course Work

The Honors Option allows a student in any course which is 2000 level or above and taught by a full-time faculty member or part-time faculty member (with approval by department chair) to elect Honors caliber coursework, provided the instructor agrees to furnish commensurate extra instruction. If a grade of 'B' (3.00) or above is earned in the course and in the additional work, the student will receive Honors credit for the course on his/her transcript. Application forms for the Honors Option are available in the Honors College office and online (<http://www.honors.wayne.edu>). The application form must be signed by the instructor and should be returned to the Honors College Office by the

assigned due date on the form. At the end of the semester the instructor will be asked to submit a final grade for the Honors Option project and the final grade for the class via e-mail to [honors@wayne.edu](mailto:honors@wayne.edu). The number of Honors credits assigned shall be equivalent to the number of credits allotted to the general section.

## Field Learning Requirement (HON 3000)

Effective Fall 2019, field learning is required for graduation with University Honors. The purpose of the requirement is to better prepare students for productive lives in a diverse urban and global setting through community-based education and civic engagement. A student will pair HON 3000 (0 credits) with a field learning experience approved by the Honors College (<https://honors.wayne.edu/students/universityhonorsrequirements/hon3000/>). Students can opt to complete HON 3000 via service-learning, undergraduate research, study abroad, or an internship/co-op/practicum.

Objectives of the Honors Field Learning Requirement are: to enhance academic learning opportunities by integrating theory with service to the community; to learn how to work effectively with diverse populations; to develop communication, negotiation, and problem solving abilities; and, to increase research skills.

Examples of field learning opportunities include the Detroit Fellows Tutoring Project (<https://honors.wayne.edu/academics/detroit-fellows/>), specially-designated sections of General Education and department courses, and some study abroad experiences.

## Honors Thesis

To graduate with University and/or Departmental Honors, students must complete an Honors thesis or creative project during junior/ senior year. The thesis or project must be supervised by a full-time member of a department and the paper must be a minimum of twenty pages in length. University Honors students should plan to take at least two semesters to complete the HON 4998 course. Departmental Honors students who complete a thesis course specific to their major department must follow departmental guidelines. Students pursuing both Department and University Honors may use the department thesis to fulfill the University Honors thesis requirement.

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## Honors Sections and Departmental Courses

Generally, the following courses either have Honors sections or the potential for an Honors Option project. A compiled list of the Honors

Course Offerings for the current semester is available online (<https://honors.wayne.edu/academics/courses/>). Most Honors sections do not require permission to register, however, if departmental permission is required students should contact the department offering the course to register.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Anthropology</b>		
ANT 4999	Honors Research and Thesis	3-6
<b>Art History</b>		
AH 1110	Survey of Art History: Ancient through Medieval	4
AH 1120	Survey of Art History: Renaissance through Modern	4
AH 5998	Honors Thesis	3
<b>Biology</b>		
BIO 1030	Biology Today	3
BIO 1050	An Introduction to Life	3
BIO 1500	Basic Life Diversity	3
BIO 1510	Basic Life Mechanisms	3
BIO 2600	Introduction to Cell Biology	4
BIO 3070	Genetics	5
BIO 6990	Honors Directed Study in Biology	1-4
BIO 6999	Honors Undergraduate Research Thesis	2
<b>Basic Engineering</b>		
BE 2100	Basic Engineering III: Probability and Statistics in Engineering	3
BE 5998	Engineering Honors Thesis	1-4
<b>Chemistry</b>		
CHM 1100	General Chemistry I	4
CHM 1240	Organic Chemistry I	4
CHM 2220	Organic Chemistry II	4
CHM 2999	Honors Research Problems in Chemistry	2-4
CHM 5998	Honors Thesis Research in Chemistry (Max. 8)	2-4
<b>Communications</b>		
COM 1010	Oral Communication: Basic Speech	3
COM 4996	Senior Honors Thesis	3
<b>Criminal Justice</b>		
CRJ 4998	Honors Thesis in Criminal Justice	3-6
<b>Computer Science</b>		
CSC 4999	Honors Thesis	3-6
<b>Economics</b>		
ECO 2010	Principles of Microeconomics	4
ECO 2020	Principles of Macroeconomics	4
ECO 4997	Senior Honors Research	4
<b>English</b>		
ENG 4990	Directed Study: Honors Program	1-3
ENG 4991	Honors Seminar	3
ENG 4992	Honors Project	3
<b>French</b>		
<b>History</b>		
HIS 1300	Europe and the World: 1500-1945	4
HIS 1400	The World Since 1945	4
HIS 5995	Honors Seminar	3
<b>Mathematics</b>		
MAT 2010	Calculus I	4
MAT 2020	Calculus II	4

<b>Nutrition and Food Science</b>		
NFS 3230	Human Nutrition	4
NFS 5990	Honors Directed Study	1-4
<b>Philosophy</b>		
PHI 2860	Honors Introductory Symbolic Logic	3
PHI 4890	Honors Thesis	3
<b>Physics</b>		
PHY 2130	Physics for the Life Sciences I	4
PHY 2140	Physics for the Life Sciences II	4
PHY 5990	Directed Study	1-3
<b>Political Science</b>		
PS 1010	American Government	4
PS 4995	Senior Honors Paper	4
<b>Psychology</b>		
PSY 1010	Introductory Psychology	4
PSY 2400	Developmental Psychology	4
PSY 2600	Psychology of Social Behavior	4
PSY 4991	Honors Directed Study	2-4
PSY 4998	Senior Thesis	3
PSY 5020	Honors Research in Psychology	3
<b>Sociology</b>		
SOC 1010	Understanding Human Society	3
SOC 3200	Methods of Social Research	3
SOC 3220	Introduction to Social Statistics	3
<b>Spanish</b>		
SPA 2010	Intermediate Spanish	4