

THE HONORS COLLEGE

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Oklahoma State University is an active member of the National Collegiate Honors Council and the Great Plains Honors Council. The Honors College Degree is composed of a university-wide General Honors component and specialized upper-division components at the departmental or college levels. The Honors College provides academically talented students with the opportunity to study, conduct research and exchange ideas in an exciting and supportive academic environment. Honors sections are offered in many general education courses, and special honors seminars, add-ons and interdisciplinary honors courses also are available. Honors classes are taught by outstanding faculty members and the classes are small in size to facilitate active student involvement.

Completion of the requirements for the General Honors Award leads to special designation on the student's OSU transcript, as does completion of the requirements for the Departmental or College Honors Award in the student's academic major. Students who earn a minimum of 36 honors credit hours and complete the Departmental or College Honors Award, as well as the General Honors Award, with a 3.50 cumulative grade-point average at graduation, receive the Honors College Degree, including a special entry on their transcripts and special honors diplomas.

Additional advantages for active participants in The Honors College (minimum of three honors credit hours per semester and nine honors credit hours for each two consecutive semesters for freshmen and sophomores and three honors credit hours per semester for juniors and seniors) include use of The Honors College Study Lounge in Old Central (with a computer lab), extended check-out privileges for library materials, priority enrollment for the following semester and an honors housing option in Stout Hall or Bennett Hall (on a rooms-available basis).

Admission of new freshmen to The Honors College is based on an ACT composite score of 27 or higher (or comparable SAT-R score) with a high school weighted or unweighted grade-point average of 3.75 or higher. Application forms are included in the OSU Application for Admission. Entering freshmen who fall just short of these criteria may request a petition form from The Honors College. Students other than new freshmen may be admitted to The Honors College on the basis of their graduation/retention grade-point average (7-59 hours earned: 3.30; 60-93 hours earned: 3.40; 94 or more hours earned: 3.50). Transfer freshmen must have completed at least seven college credit hours (not including concurrent enrollment while in high school) to be eligible on the basis of college performance if they do not have the required high school grade-point average and ACT score. There is a February 1 deadline for regular acceptance based on the criteria outlined above. Applications submitted after February 1 will be considered on a space-available basis.

For additional information about The Honors College, interested students should consult the Dean or Program Coordinator of The Honors College, 101 Old Central or visit <http://honors.okstate.edu>.

Courses

HONR 1000 Introductory Honors Topics

Prerequisites: Introductory Honors Topics.

Description: Introduction to topics in various disciplines by faculty from the undergraduate colleges for freshman and sophomore students in the University Honors College. Offered for variable credit, 1-3 credit hours, maximum of 12 credit hours.

Credit hours: 1-3

Contact hours: Other: 1

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule types: Independent Study

Department/School: Honors College

General Education and other Course Attributes: Honors Credit

HONR 1093 Patterns and Symmetry in Mathematics (A)

Prerequisites: Honors Program participation.

Description: Tessellations, or repetitive patterns in the plane and in space, and the symmetries, or rigid motions, that preserve them. Illustrations from art, architecture, science, and nature. For the Honors student.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Honors College

General Education and other Course Attributes: Analytical & Quant Thought, Honors Credit

HONR 2013 Honors Law and Legal Institutions (S)

Prerequisites: Honors Program participation.

Description: An introduction to law in American society with reference to its European origins; its political, economic, psychological, and sociological dimensions; and the substantive law in selected areas. Introduction to legal reasoning and legal research techniques. For the Honors student.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Honors College

General Education and other Course Attributes: Honors Credit, Social & Behavioral Sciences

HONR 2023 Constitutional Dimensions of Diversity (DS)

Prerequisites: Honors College participation.

Description: An introduction to American constitutional law as it relates to diversity issues through the study of landmark Supreme Court decisions affecting the rights of various minorities. Introduction to legal research techniques.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Honors College

General Education and other Course Attributes: Diversity, Honors Credit, Social & Behavioral Sciences

HONR 2063 Ethical Issues Across Cultural Perspectives (H)**Prerequisites:** Honors Program participation.**Description:** An introduction to reasoned methods of evaluating ideas and arguments as they pertain to ethical issues from a global perspective. Concepts including obligation, justice, and ethnicity from Lao Tzu, Maimonides, Kant, and Indian wisdom stories. Environmentalism, technology, and cultural knowledge. Team-taught by faculty from appropriate disciplines in a lecture and discussion format. For the Honors student.**Credit hours:** 3**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3**Levels:** Undergraduate**Schedule types:** Lecture**Department/School:** Honors College**General Education and other Course Attributes:** Humanities, Honors Credit**HONR 2413 The Ancient World (H)****Prerequisites:** Honors Program participation.**Description:** Interdisciplinary study of art, history, philosophy and literature from ancient Greece and Rome as well as the religious ideas central to Judaism and Christianity. Team-taught by faculty from appropriate disciplines in a lecture and discussion format. For the Honors student. No degree credit for students with prior credit in HONR 2113. Previously offered as HONR 1013.**Credit hours:** 3**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3**Levels:** Undergraduate**Schedule types:** Lecture**Department/School:** Honors College**General Education and other Course Attributes:** Humanities, Honors Credit**HONR 2423 The Middle Ages and Renaissance (H)****Prerequisites:** Honors Program participation.**Description:** Interdisciplinary study of art, history, philosophy and literature from the Middle Ages to the early Renaissance. Team-taught by faculty from appropriate disciplines in a lecture and discussion format. For the Honors student. May not be used for degree credit with HONR 2113. Previously offered as HONR 1023.**Credit hours:** 3**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3**Levels:** Undergraduate**Schedule types:** Lecture**Department/School:** Honors College**General Education and other Course Attributes:** Humanities, Honors Credit**HONR 2433 The Early Modern World (H)****Prerequisites:** Honors Program participation.**Description:** Interdisciplinary study of art, history, philosophy and literature from the late Renaissance to the mid-19th century. Team-taught by faculty from appropriate disciplines in a lecture and discussion format. For the Honors student. May not be used for degree credit with HONR 2223. Previously offered as HONR 1033.**Credit hours:** 3**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3**Levels:** Undergraduate**Schedule types:** Lecture**Department/School:** Honors College**General Education and other Course Attributes:** Humanities, Honors Credit**HONR 2443 Honors Romanticism to Postmodernism: 19th & 20th Centuries (H)****Prerequisites:** Honors Program participation.**Description:** Interdisciplinary study of art, history, philosophy and literature from the 19th century to the present. Team-taught by faculty from appropriate disciplines in a lecture and discussion format. For the Honors student. May not be used for degree credit with HONR 2223. Previously offered as HONR 1043.**Credit hours:** 3**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3**Levels:** Undergraduate**Schedule types:** Lecture**Department/School:** Honors College**General Education and other Course Attributes:** Humanities, Honors Credit**HONR 2503 Confronting Pseudoscience****Prerequisites:** Honors College participation.**Description:** Using the tools of evidential reasoning and critical thinking this course examines the difference between a true scientific endeavor and pseudoscientific belief systems. In doing so it provides students with an understanding of scientific reasoning and its application in everyday life while exposing students to content from a range of the natural sciences.**Credit hours:** 3**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3**Levels:** Undergraduate**Schedule types:** Lecture**Department/School:** Honors College**General Education and other Course Attributes:** Honors Credit**HONR 2514 Honors Scientific Inquiry****Prerequisites:** Honors Program participation.**Description:** A team-taught interdisciplinary course dealing with philosophy of science and the application of the scientific method in the natural and social sciences. Selected topics that involve interdisciplinary scientific inquiry. For the Honors student.**Credit hours:** 4**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3 Lab: 2**Levels:** Undergraduate**Schedule types:** Lab, Lecture, Combined lecture and lab**Department/School:** Honors College**General Education and other Course Attributes:** Honors Credit**HONR 3000 Advanced Honors Topics****Prerequisites:** Honors Program participation, junior standing.**Description:** Topical study in various disciplines taught by faculty from the undergraduate colleges for junior and senior students in the University Honors Program. Offered for variable credit, 1-3 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.**Credit hours:** 1-3**Contact hours:** Other: 1**Levels:** Undergraduate**Schedule types:** Independent Study**Department/School:** Honors College**General Education and other Course Attributes:** Honors Credit

HONR 3013 Holocaust Studies Seminar (HI)**Prerequisites:** Honors College participation.**Description:** Interdisciplinary study of contemporary cultures of non-western world including lifestyle, housing and food. Team-taught by faculty from appropriate disciplines in a lecture and discussion format.**Credit hours:** 3**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3**Levels:** Undergraduate**Schedule types:** Lecture**Department/School:** Honors College**General Education and other Course Attributes:** Humanities, Honors Credit, International Dimension**HONR 3023 Contemporary Cultures of the Western World: Honors (HI)****Prerequisites:** Honors College participation.**Description:** Interdisciplinary examination of selected cultures of Europe and the western hemisphere. Emphasis will be on identification of main characteristics of "Western" culture and their manifestations in a variety of modern societies on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean. Key values, institutions, and practices will be examined to illustrate the twin themes of commonalities and cultural diversity. The course is team taught by faculty from appropriate disciplines in a lecture and discussion format.**Credit hours:** 3**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3**Levels:** Undergraduate**Schedule types:** Lecture**Department/School:** Honors College**General Education and other Course Attributes:** Humanities, Honors Credit, International Dimension**HONR 3033 Contemporary Cultures of the Non-Western World: Honors (IS)****Prerequisites:** Honors College participation.**Description:** Interdisciplinary study of contemporary cultures of non-western world including lifestyle, housing and food. Team-taught by faculty from appropriate disciplines in a lecture and discussion format.**Credit hours:** 3**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3**Levels:** Undergraduate**Schedule types:** Lecture**Department/School:** Honors College**General Education and other Course Attributes:** Honors Credit, International Dimension, Social & Behavioral Sciences**HONR 3043 Contemporary Cultures of the United States (DS)****Prerequisites:** Honors Program participation.**Description:** Interdisciplinary study of racial and ethnic diversity in the United States in context of social, political, and economic systems to promote knowledge of racial and ethnic minority groups in the United States and appreciation of their contributions to the mosaic of contemporary American life. Team-taught by faculty from appropriate disciplines in a lecture and discussion format.**Credit hours:** 3**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3**Levels:** Undergraduate**Schedule types:** Lecture**Department/School:** Honors College**General Education and other Course Attributes:** Diversity, Honors Credit, Social & Behavioral Sciences**HONR 3053 Biology, Race, and Gender: Honors (DH)****Prerequisites:** Honors College participation.**Description:** Interdisciplinary study of contemporary cultures of non-western world including lifestyle, housing and food. Team-taught by faculty from appropriate disciplines in a lecture and discussion format.**Credit hours:** 3**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3**Levels:** Undergraduate**Schedule types:** Lecture**Department/School:** Honors College**General Education and other Course Attributes:** Diversity, Humanities, Honors Credit**HONR 4993 Honors Creative Component****Prerequisites:** Honors Program participation, senior standing.**Description:** A guided creative component for students completing the requirements for college or departmental honors awards leading to an honors thesis, project or report under the direction of a faculty member from one of the undergraduate colleges, with a second faculty reader and oral examination.**Credit hours:** 3**Contact hours:** Other: 3**Levels:** Graduate, Undergraduate**Schedule types:** Independent Study**Department/School:** Honors College**General Education and other Course Attributes:** Honors Credit