

# Honors Program (HON)

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## Courses

### **HON 100 Honors Seminar\* (1 Hour)**

**Prerequisites** : Department approval.

This course will introduce students to the theory and practices of interdisciplinarity, the skills and tools required for honors coursework, and undergraduate collaborative and individual research. While closely examining a specific topic, students will develop their skills in research, reading, writing and in-depth discussion.

### **HON 250 Honors Forum: In Search of Solutions (3 Hours)**

This course will focus on two topics during the semester and how those topics affect the local, national and global communities. The course complements other courses in the curriculum by applying the dual emphases of specific content and skill development to the areas of interaction, analysis, synthesis and conflict resolution. Students will study each issue in a historical and contemporary context, develop a greater understanding of the issues, and take a position on the issues. This position will be subjected to further challenge and dialogue. In this course, the process of reflecting, researching, analyzing and evaluating are as important as content. As points of view concerning the issue are developed, the students must articulate and defend these viewpoints as they are challenged by others and make judgments among alternative options. The first topic is selected by the faculty members, then midway through the semester, the students will select the second topic. This course will require students to use many forms of research, including the Internet and electronic databases. In addition, students will be expected to use e-mail for sharing information with classmates and instructors.

### **HON 250H HON: Honors Forum: In Search of Solutions (1 Hour)**

One-credit hour honors contract is available to qualified students who have an interest in a more thorough investigation of a topic related to this subject. An honors contract may incorporate research, a paper, or project and includes individual meetings with a faculty mentor. Student must be currently enrolled in the regular section of the courses or have completed it the previous semester. Contact the Honors Program Office, COM 201, for more information. Prerequisite: Honors department approval.

### **HON 291 Independent Study\* (1-7 Hour)**

**Prerequisites** : 3.5 GPA minimum and department approval.

Independent study is a directed, structured learning experience offered as an extension of the regular curriculum. It is intended to allow individual students to broaden their comprehension of the principles of and competencies associated with the discipline or program. Its purpose is to supplement existing courses with individualized, in-depth learning experiences. Such learning experiences may be undertaken independent of the traditional classroom setting, but will be appropriately directed and supervised by regular instructional staff. Total contact hours vary based on the learning experience.

### **HON 292 Special Topics:\* (1-3 Hour)**

**Prerequisites** : Department approval.

This course periodically offers specialized or advanced discipline-specific content related to diverse areas of honors pedagogy not usually taught in the curriculum to interested and qualified students within the program.