UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM AND COURSES

University Honors Program

The University Honors Program enables high-achieving, high-potential, highly motivated students to go as far as their intellectual and professional development as possible in four years of undergraduate study. The program offers a dynamic, inclusive, innovative learning community in which students and faculty from every university college and program learn and work together closely in an atmosphere of common intellectual enterprise, mutual respect, and the free exchange of ideas. The program offers an enhanced education, enabling students to integrate Honors Liberal Education courses, Honors interdisciplinary seminars, Honors work in their major and minor programs, and Honors experiential learning opportunities into a coherent, individualized, high-value whole.

Honors at UW-Eau Claire has two components: University Honors and Departmental Honors. Students may be graduated with Honors by completing one component or both. Honors Program participation and completion are documented on students’ University records.

University Honors. In small classes designed to stimulate and challenge students of high ability and high potential, and in special sections of regular university courses, honors students are provided opportunities for close interaction with faculty and with other honors students.

Admission to the University Honors Program. There are several ways to gain admission to the University Honors Program. (1) Incoming freshmen are invited based on scores achieved on either the ACT or SAT and their academic standing in their high school graduating classes. (2) Students admitted to UW-Eau Claire with at least a 26 ACT composite score, rank in class of top 10% or higher, or 3.75 high school GPA will automatically be considered for admission to Honors in a holistic review process. (3) Students who have completed at least 14 academic credits at UW-Eau Claire may be admitted after demonstrating superior academic performance including attaining at least a 3.66 GPA. (4) Students highly motivated to do Honors work may petition the University Honors Council for admission. Consult the Director of the University Honors Program for more information.

Requirements. A student may be graduated with University Honors by meeting the following requirements:

1. Attainment of a resident and total GPA of at least 3.50.
2. Completion of one-credit first-year seminar, HNRS 100, or an Honors FYE (First-Year-Experience course).
3. Completion of at least 24 credits of Honors colloquia and Honors electives or completion of at least 21 credits of Honors colloquia and Honors electives and either HNRS 410 or HNRS 420. At least two (2) of the Honors colloquia/Honors elective courses completed must be at the 300-level or above. These courses may be used to meet Liberal Education, major, or minor requirements as well as the requirements of the University Honors Program.
4. Completion of HNRS 400 (one credit).

Honors Program courses may not be audited or taken for a satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade.

An appropriate designation will be placed on a student’s record upon completion of Honors courses and of the program. Credits earned in Honors courses meet graduation requirements whether or not the program is completed. A current schedule of available Honors courses may be obtained from the Director of the University Honors Program or on the Honors Program website: https://www.uwec.edu/academics/university-honors-program/academic-offerings/honors-courses/.

Department or College Honors. A growing number of departments offer students the opportunity to earn honors in their major programs. These programs include the departments of Accounting and Finance, Biology, Chemistry, Communication Sciences and Disorders, Computer Science, Economics, English, Geography and Anthropology, Geology, History, Management and Marketing, Mathematics, Music and Theatre Arts, Nursing, Philosophy and Religious Studies, Physics, Political Science, Social Work, and Sociology. In addition, the programs in Criminal Justice and in Spanish also offer Honors programs.

For information on departmental or college honors programs, consult department or college descriptions in this catalog or inquire at department or college offices, or get in touch with the Director of the University Honors Program.

Honors Seminars

HNRS 100 First-Year Honors Seminar (1 cr)
Prerequisite: Limited to students in the University Honors Program.

Introduction to the University and to expectations of an Honors baccalaureate degree. Explores the value of a liberal education, the skills and knowledge needed to be an educated person, the roles of the University Honors Program and university requirements.

Attributes: Honor Course
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only

HNRS 400 Senior Honors Seminar (1 cr)
Prerequisite: Limited to students in the University Honors Program. Senior standing, or Department Consent Required. If repeated, the second course can count toward the required 24 credits of Honors colloquia and electives.

A capstone course that explores students’ undergraduate experiences, the value of a liberal education, and the value of an Honors education. Prepares Honors students for post-graduate opportunities.

Attributes: GE IV Humanities, Honor Course, Capstone Course, Special Course Fee Required Varies by Term/Section
Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 2 credits
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only
HNRS 410 Mentoring in Honors (1 cr)
Prerequisite: HNRS 100, HNRS 400, or concurrent enrollment in HNRS 400. Minimum junior standing. Limited to students in the University Honors Program. With permission from the Director of the University Honors Program, credit may be earned in both HNRS 410 and HNRS 420.
Consent: Department Consent Required
Assist in instruction of Hnrs 100, the First-Year Honors Seminar. Focus on the value of a baccalaureate education and on what constitutes an educated person. Open to juniors and seniors with permission of the Director of the University Honors Program.
Attributes: GE IV Humanities, Honor Course, Service-Learning, Full 30 Hours, Special Course Fee Required Varies by Term/Section
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only

HNRS 420 Tutoring in Honors (1 cr)
Prerequisite: Minimum junior standing. Limited to students in the University Honors Program. With permission from the Director of the University Honors Program, credit may be earned in both HNRS 410 and HNRS 420.
Consent: Department Consent Required
Assist in instruction of an Honors course previously completed. Open to juniors and seniors with permission of the Director of the University Honors Program.
Attributes: GE III Social Science, Honor Course, Service-Learning, Full 30 Hours, Special Course Fee Required Varies by Term/Section
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only

Honors Colloquia
These are courses especially designed for honors students and usually embrace more than the approach of a single academic discipline. Every Honors colloquium meets Liberal Education and General Education requirements.

The content of colloquia varies from semester to semester and each section of an HNRS colloquium course number is a unique course.

HNRS 101 Honors Colloquium (3-4 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to students in the University Honors Program.
A course involving language, communication and/or analytical skills.
Attributes: Cultural Diversity Variable, GE IA Communication-Language Arts, Honor Course, LE-S1 Written and Oral Communication, Special Course Fee Required Varies by Term/Section
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only

HNRS 102 Honors Colloquium (3-4 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to students in the University Honors Program.
Focuses on topics in the natural sciences.
Attributes: Cultural Diversity Variable, GE II Natural Sciences, Honor Course, LE-K1 Natural Sciences, Special Course Fee Required Varies by Term/Section
Repeat: Course may be repeated
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only

HNRS 103 Honors Colloquium (3-4 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to students in the University Honors Program.
Examines topics involving the social sciences, including anthropology, economics, cultural geography, political science, psychology, and sociology.
Attributes: Cultural Diversity Variable, GE III Social Science, Honor Course, LE-K2 Social Sciences, Special Course Fee Required Varies by Term/Section
Repeat: Course may be repeated
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only

HNRS 104 Honors Colloquium (3-4 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to students in the University Honors Program.
A humanities course concerned with disciplines such as art, literature, history, music, philosophy, religious studies, and theatre arts.
Attributes: Cultural Diversity Variable, GE IV Humanities, Honor Course, LE-K3 Humanities, Special Course Fee Required Varies by Term/Section
Repeat: Course may be repeated
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only

HNRS 105 Honors Colloquium (3-4 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to students in the University Honors Program.
A course with foundations in the College of Business, Education and Human Sciences, or Nursing and Health Sciences; or a course that crosses General Education categories I-IV.
Attributes: Cultural Diversity Variable, GE V University Wide, Honor Course, Special Course Fee Required Varies by Term/Section
Repeat: Course may be repeated
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only

HNRS 106 Honors Colloquium (3-4 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to students in the University Honors Program.
A fine arts course concerned with the use of knowledge, historical perspectives, theories, or methods appropriate to the fine arts.
Attributes: Cultural Diversity Variable, GE IV Humanities, Honor Course, LE-K4 Fine Arts, Special Course Fee Required Varies by Term/Section
Repeat: Course may be repeated
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only

HNRS 107 Honors Colloquium (3-4 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to students in the University Honors Program.
Course integrates learning across disciplines within and beyond campus.
Attributes: Cultural Diversity Variable, Honor Course, LE-I1 Integration, Special Course Fee Required Varies by Term/Section
Repeat: Course may be repeated
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only
HNRS 108 Honors Colloquium (3-4 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to students in the University Honors Program.
Course focuses on diversity, equity, and inclusivity.
Attributes: Cultural Diversity Variable, Honor Course, LE-R1 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity, Special Course Fee Required Varies by Term/Section
Repeat: Course may be repeated
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only

HNRS 109 Honors Colloquium (3-4 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to students in the University Honors Program.
Course focuses on systems, institutions, and issues in local and global contexts and across cultures.
Attributes: Cultural Diversity Variable, Honor Course, LE-R2 Global Perspectives, Special Course Fee Required Varies by Term/Section
Repeat: Course may be repeated
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only

HNRS 110 Honors Colloquium (3-4 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to students in the University Honors Program.
Course focuses on civic agency, social change, or environmental.
Attributes: Cultural Diversity Variable, Honor Course, LE-R3 Civic and Environmental Issues, Special Course Fee Required Varies by Term/Section
Repeat: Course may be repeated
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only

HNRS 301 Honors Colloquium (3-4 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to students in the University Honors Program. Minimum sophomore standing.
An upper-division course involving various contexts of communication and language, including information sources and technology.
Attributes: Cultural Diversity Variable, GE IA Communication-Language Arts, Honor Course, LE-S1 Written and Oral Communication, Special Course Fee Required Varies by Term/Section
Repeat: Course may be repeated
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only

HNRS 302 Honors Colloquium (3-4 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to students in the University Honors Program. Minimum sophomore standing.
An upper-division course that focuses on topics of the natural and physical world.
Attributes: Cultural Diversity Variable, GE II Natural Sciences, Honor Course, LE-K1 Natural Sciences, Special Course Fee Required Varies by Term/Section
Repeat: Course may be repeated
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only
HNRS 309 Honors Colloquium (3-4 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to students in the University Honors Program. Minimum sophomore standing.
Course focuses on systems, institutions, and issues in local and global contexts and across cultures.
Attributes: Cultural Diversity Variable, Honor Course, LE-R2 Global Perspectives, Special Course Fee Required Varies by Term/Section
Repeat: Course may be repeated
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only

HNRS 310 Honors Colloquium (3-4 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to students in the University Honors Program. Minimum sophomore standing.
Upper-division course focuses on civic agency, social change, or environmental challenges.
Attributes: Cultural Diversity Variable, Honor Course, LE-R3 Civic and Environmental Issues, Special Course Fee Required Varies by Term/Section
Repeat: Course may be repeated
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only

Honors Special Experience Courses
HNRS 275 Honors Study Abroad Experience-Freshmen and Sophomores (1-4 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to students in the University Honors Program. Freshman or sophomore standing.
Honors study abroad experience for freshmen and sophomores.
Attributes: Honor Course, Special Course Fee Required Varies by Term/Section
Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only

HNRS 295 Honors Directed Study-Freshmen and Sophomores (1-4 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to students in the University Honors Program. Freshman or sophomore standing.
Study of a problem or topic in collaboration with a faculty member in the discipline.
Attributes: Honor Course, Special Course Fee Required Varies by Term/Section
Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only

HNRS 375 Honors Study Abroad Experience-Juniors (1-4 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to students in the University Honors Program. Junior standing.
Honors study abroad experience for juniors.
Attributes: Honor Course, Special Course Fee Required Varies by Term/Section
Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only

HNRS 395 Honors Directed Study-Juniors (1-4 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to students in the University Honors Program. Junior standing.
Study of a problem or topic in collaboration with a faculty member in the discipline.
Attributes: Honor Course, Special Course Fee Required Varies by Term/Section
Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only

HNRS 298 Honors Internship Experience-Freshmen and Sophomores (1-4 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to students in the University Honors Program. Freshman or sophomore standing.
Consent: Department Consent Required
Honors internship experience for freshmen and sophomores.
Attributes: Honor Course, Special Course Fee Required Varies by Term/Section
Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only

HNRS 299 Honors Independent Study-Freshmen & Sophomores (1-4 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to students in the University Honors Program. Freshman or sophomore standing.
Individual research, scholarly, or creative projects under the supervision of a faculty member.
Attributes: Honor Course, Special Course Fee Required Varies by Term/Section
Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits
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HNRS 398 Honors Internship Experience-Juniors (1-4 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to students in the University Honors Program. Junior standing.
Honors internship experience for juniors.
Attributes: Honor Course, Special Course Fee Required Varies by Term/Section
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HNRS 399 Honors Independent Study-Juniors (1-4 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to students in the University Honors Program. Junior standing.
Individual research, scholarly, or creative projects under the supervision of a faculty member.
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