UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM AND COURSES

University Honors Program

The University Honors Program provides a challenging and supportive learning community that allows highly motivated, high potential students to develop fully in their distinctive abilities, creating a foundation for sustained intellectual, professional, and personal achievements. Honors at UW-Eau Claire offers a rigorous and evolving curriculum that assists students in the pursuit of creativity, innovation, discovery, and expression across disciplines. Honors students often have significant responsibility for the design and execution of learning activities within their honors coursework, with many honors students engaging in undergraduate research that is uniquely matched to their experiences, skills, and longer-term goals. 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 high-value whole.

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

University Honors. In small classes designed to stimulate and challenge high achieving, highly motivated students, and in special sections of regular university courses, honors students are provided opportunities for academic growth through meaningful 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 first-year students are invited for each fall semester 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 a strong academic profile that does not meet one or more of the automatic admissions benchmarks are frequently considered for admission to Honors through our 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 cumulative 3.66 college GPA (which will include college credits and grades earned elsewhere). (4) Students highly motivated to do Honors work may petition the University Honors Council for admission. Consult the Honors Program Office for more information.

Graduation Requirements. A student may graduate 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 the 24-credit Honors distribution requirement, in one of the two manners listed below (3a or 3b), with at least two courses taken at the 300/400 level. Honors colloquium and elective courses are frequently used to meet Liberal Education, major, or minor requirements, as well as the requirements of the University Honors Program.
   a. Completion of at least 24 credits of Honors colloquia and Honors electives.
   b. Completion of at least 21 credits of Honors colloquia/electives and either HNRS 410 or HNRS 420.
   
4. Completion of HNRS 400 (one credit). Honors Program courses may not be audited or taken for a satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade.
   
An AP, IB, or CLEP score may be substituted as Honors elective credit, provided that minimum scores are met (an AP score of at least 4, an IB score of at least 5, or a B-level CLEP score). No more than one course, for a maximum of 5 credits, may be substituted for Honors elective credit.

Classroom Credits and Flexible Credits

To fulfill the 24-credit Honors colloquia/elective requirement, at least 15 classroom credits are required, including two courses at the 300/400 level. Up to 24 classroom credits (but no fewer than 15) may be earned from the following options: Honors colloquium and elective courses, AP/IB/CLEP credits, Honors Mentoring or Tutoring (HNRS 410/420), and/or an Honors Thesis (HNRS 490).

For greater variety and specialization within the 24-credit requirement, Honors students may earn up to 9 flexible credits, selected from the following options: Honors contracts, Honors special experience courses (such as study abroad, directed study, independent study, and internships), departmental honors, completion of the EdTPA process (including ES 318 + ES 497 requirements), or completion of IDIS 480 and 481 (fulfillment of McNair Scholar requirements).

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. Twenty-one departments and programs offer students the opportunity to earn an honors distinction within their program of study, enabling students to strengthen skills within their major. Currently, departmental honors programs are available in Accounting and Finance, Biology, Chemistry, Communication Sciences and Disorders, Computer Science, Criminal Justice, Economics, English, Geography and Anthropology, Geology, History, Management and Marketing, Materials Science, Mathematics, Music and Theatre Arts, Philosophy and Religious Studies, Physics, Political Science, Social Work, Sociology, and Spanish. In many cases, credits earned in a departmental honors program can be applied to University Honors requirements.

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 Honors Program Office.

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 Honors Director, 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 specially designed for honors students, and typically embracing 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 118 Honors Colloquium (3-4 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to students in the University Honors Program Honors Course in Natural Science with Integration.
Attributes: Cultural Diversity Variable, GE II Natural Sciences, Honor Course, LE-I1 Integration, LE-K1 Natural Sciences, Service-Learning Variable
Repeat: Course may be repeated
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only

HNRS 121 Honors Colloquium in Social Science (3-4 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to students in the University Honors Program Honors Course in Social Science.
Attributes: Cultural Diversity Variable, GE III Social Science, Honor Course, LE-K2 Social Sciences, Service-Learning Variable
Repeat: Course may be repeated
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only

HNRS 129 Honors Colloquium (3-4 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to students in the University Honors Program Honors Course in Social Science and Equity, Diversity and Inclusivity (and Design for Diversity emphasis on traditionally underrepresented racial/ethnic groups).
Attributes: Cultural Diversity Variable, GE III Social Science, Honor Course, LE-DDIV Design for Diversity, LE-K2 Social Sciences, LE-R1 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity, Service-Learning Variable
Repeat: Course may be repeated
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only

HNRS 138 Honors Colloquium (3-4 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to students in the University Honors Program Honors Course in Humanities with Integration.
Attributes: Cultural Diversity Variable, GE IV Humanities, Honor Course, LE-I1 Integration, LE-K3 Humanities, Service-Learning Variable
Repeat: Course may be repeated
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only

HNRS 142 Honors Colloquium (3-4 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to students in the University Honors Program Honors Course in Arts and Equity, Diversity and Inclusivity.
Attributes: Cultural Diversity Variable, GE IVE Humanities-Interdisciplinary Studies, Honor Course, LE-K4 Fine Arts, LE-R1 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity, Service-Learning Variable
Repeat: Course may be repeated
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only

HNRS 147 Honors Colloquium (3-4 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to students in the University Honors Program Honors Course in Arts and Creativity.
Attributes: Cultural Diversity Variable, GE IV Humanities, Honor Course, LE-K4 Fine Arts, LE-S3 Creativity, Service-Learning Variable
Repeat: Course may be repeated
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only

HNRS 151 Honors Colloquium (3-4 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to students in the University Honors Program Honors Course in Communication.
Attributes: Cultural Diversity Variable, GE IA Communication-Language Arts, Honor Course, LE-S1 Written and Oral Communication, Service-Learning Variable
Repeat: Course may be repeated
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only
HNRS 158 Honors Colloquium in Communication with Integration (3-4 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to students in the University Honors Program
Honors Course in Communication with Integration.
Attributes: Cultural Diversity Variable, GE III Social Science, Honor Course, LE-I Integration, LE-S1 Written and Oral Communication, Service-Learning Variable
Repeat: Course may be repeated
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only

HNRS 172 Honors Colloquium (3-4 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to students in the University Honors Program
Honors Course in Creativity with Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity.
Attributes: Cultural Diversity Variable, GE IV Humanities, Honor Course, LE-E1 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity, LE-S3 Creativity, Service-Learning Variable
Repeat: Course may be repeated
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only

HNRS 187 Honors Colloquium (3-4 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to students in the University Honors Program
Honors Course in Global Perspectives and Civic, Social and Environmental Responsibility.
Attributes: Cultural Diversity Variable, GE III Social Science, Honor Course, LE-G2 Global Perspectives, LE-R3 Civic and Environmental Issues, Service-Learning Variable
Repeat: Course may be repeated
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only

HNRS 188 Honors Colloquium (3-4 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to students in the University Honors Program
Honors Course in Global Perspectives with Integration.
Attributes: Cultural Diversity Variable, GE V University Wide, Honor Course, LE-I Integration, LE-S1 Written and Oral Communication, Service-Learning Variable
Repeat: Course may be repeated
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only

HNRS 324 Honors Colloquium in Social Science with Civic, Social, and Environmental Responsibility (3-4 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to students in the University Honors Program. Minimum sophomore standing.
Honors Course in Social Science and Civic, Social and Environmental Responsibility.
Attributes: Cultural Diversity Variable, GE III Social Science, Honor Course, LE-K2 Social Sciences, LE-R3 Civic and Environmental Issues, Service-Learning Variable
Repeat: Course may be repeated
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only

HNRS 325 Honors Colloquium in Social Science with Communication (3-4 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to students in the University Honors Program. Minimum sophomore standing.
Honors Course in Social Science and Communication.
Attributes: Cultural Diversity Variable, GE III Social Science, Honor Course, LE-I1 Integration, LE-S1 Written and Oral Communication, Service-Learning Variable
Repeat: Course may be repeated
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only

HNRS 328 Honors Colloquium (3-4 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to students in the University Honors Program. Minimum sophomore standing.
Honors Course in Social Science with Integration.
Attributes: Cultural Diversity Variable, GE III Social Science, Honor Course, LE-I1 Integration, LE-K2 Social Sciences, Service-Learning Variable
Repeat: Course may be repeated
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only

HNRS 337 Honors Colloquium in Humanities with Creativity (3-4 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to students in the University Honors Program. Minimum sophomore standing.
Honors Course in Humanities and Creativity.
Attributes: Cultural Diversity Variable, GE IV Humanities, Honor Course, LE-K3 Humanities, LE-S3 Creativity, Service-Learning Variable
Repeat: Course may be repeated
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only

HNRS 358 Honors Colloquium in Communication with Integration (3-4 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to students in the University Honors Program. Minimum sophomore standing.
Upper-level Honors Course in Communication with Integration.
Attributes: Cultural Diversity Variable, GE IA Communication-Language Arts, Honor Course, LE-I1 Integration, LE-S1 Written and Oral Communication, Service-Learning Variable
Repeat: Course may be repeated
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only

HNRS 378 Honors Colloquium (3-4 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to students in the University Honors Program. Minimum sophomore standing.
Honors Course in Creativity with Integration.
Attributes: Cultural Diversity Variable, GE IV Humanities, Honor Course, LE-I1 Integration, LE-S3 Creativity, Service-Learning Variable
Repeat: Course may be repeated
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only
HNRS 389 Honors Colloquium (3-4 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to students in the University Honors Program. Minimum sophomore standing.
Honors Course in Civic, Social and Environmental Responsibility.
Attributes: Cultural Diversity Variable, Honor Course, LE-R3 Civic and Environmental Issues, Service-Learning Variable
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.
Consent: Department Consent Required
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.
Consent: Department Consent Required
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.
Consent: Department Consent Required
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
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.
Consent: Department Consent Required
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.
Consent: Department Consent Required
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 398 Honors Internship Experience-Juniors (1-4 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to students in the University Honors Program. Junior standing.
Consent: Department Consent Required
Honors internship 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 399 Honors Independent Study-Juniors (1-4 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to students in the University Honors Program. Junior standing.
Consent: Department Consent Required
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
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only

HNRS 475 Honors Study Abroad Experience-Seniors (1-4 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to students in the University Honors Program. Senior standing.
Consent: Department Consent Required
Honors study abroad experience for seniors.
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 490 Honors Senior Thesis or Project (1-6 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to students in the University Honors Program. Senior standing.
Consent: Department Consent Required
Research and writing/preparation of Honors Senior Thesis or Honors Senior Project.
Attributes: Honor Course, Special Course Fee Required Varies by Term/Section
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only

HNRS 495 Honors Directed Study-Seniors (1-4 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to students in the University Honors Program. Senior standing.
Consent: Department Consent Required
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 498 Honors Internship Experience-Seniors (1-4 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to students in the University Honors Program. Senior standing.
Consent: Department Consent Required
Honors internship experience for seniors.
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 499 Honors Independent Study-Seniors (1-4 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to students in the University Honors Program. Senior standing.
Consent: Department Consent Required
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
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only