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# Honors Orientation 2017

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## Welcome to Honors!

Whether you are joining the Honors College as an Detroit Urban Scholar, Wayne Distinguished, Gold, Presidential Scholar, University Scholar, or “Start” program participant, we here in Honors are excited to have you join a special group of talented students. **As an Honors student, you can major in anything from Music to Engineering to Mathematics—any of the 126 degree programs available at WSU.** Honors is designed to help the best and the brightest make the most of their undergraduate education here at Wayne State University.

### The Honors Mission Statement

Honors provides a community of scholars within a large urban research institution.

- It is the mission of Honors to promote informed, engaged citizenship as the foundation for academic excellence in a diverse global setting.

### The Honors Experience

The Honors experience is founded on four pillars: **Community, Service, Research, and Career.**

- Year 1: Community
  - HON 1000 (fall), PS 1010 Honors (winter) and other Honors classes
  - Explore major/area of interest
- Year 2: Service
  - HON 3000: Service Learning (such as Detroit Fellows Tutoring Project or your own proposal)
  - Declare major or apply to professional program
- Year 3: Research
  - Apply for a UG Research grant
  - Participate in a special-topics Honors Seminar (HON 4200 - 4280)
  - Take entrance exams and apply to graduate school/professional programs
- Year 4: Career
  - HON 4998 or dept. thesis course
  - Apply for graduation or prepare for job applications

### Honors and Scholarships

#### *All Scholarships*

- Students must register for and complete at least 12 credits each fall and winter term; most classes are 3 - 4 credits each. Must complete 30 credits per academic year (Fall, Winter, Spring/Summer). Generally speaking, a student will take between 12 and 16 credits first semester.
- Spring/Summer semester (May - August) is not covered by scholarship funds.
- For more information about your scholarship, visit [www.scholarships.wayne.edu](http://www.scholarships.wayne.edu)

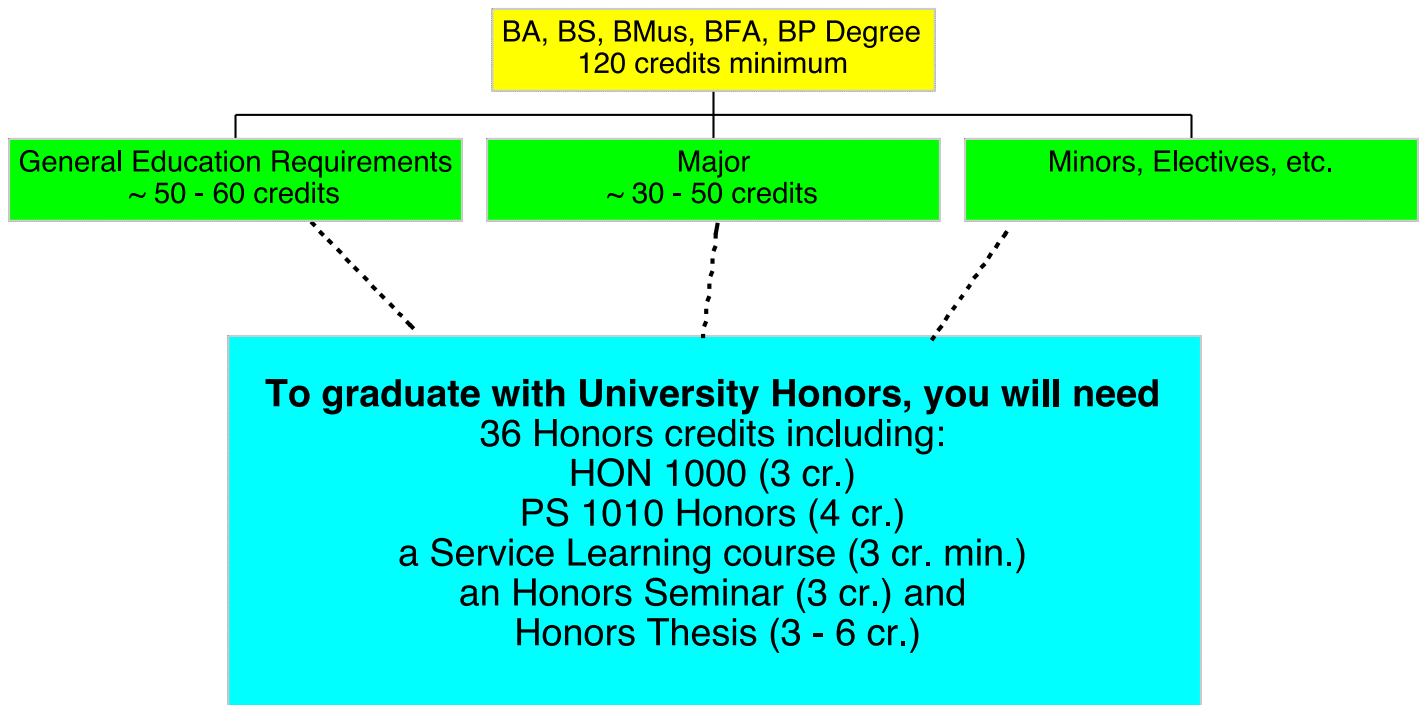
#### *Good Standing in Honors*

- Must maintain a 3.30 cumulative GPA
- Maintain progress toward completing University Honors
- **NOTE: Students who have accepted the Scholars Day Award are required to take HON 1000 Fall 2017 and PS 1010 Honors Winter 2018 regardless of any AP credit.**

## Earning a Bachelor's Degree

When you register for classes, it is helpful to think of them as fulfilling one of three requirements – University General Education requirements, major requirements, or Electives/co-majors/minors. Sometimes courses you take will satisfy both University General Education requirements and courses towards your major or co-major/minor. If you are still deciding on your major, take a few courses as electives and that may become a major or minor later.

The broad areas of graduation requirements are:



### University and College General Education Requirements (40 – 60 cr.)

There are two areas of University and College General Education Requirements: Competency Requirements and Group Areas Requirements. These are common requirements that all students take, regardless of their intended major.

### Program/Major Requirements (30 – 75 cr.)

Your major contains the largest number of credits in a single subject. It will include a course identified as the Writing Intensive (WI), which is designed to show that you can write about what you are studying.

### Electives (20 – 30 cr.)

Students may choose to organize their electives by choosing a minor (18 – 20 cr.), a co-major (24 – 30 cr.) or a double major (30 – 50 cr.). You might also use your electives to complete pre-requisites for applying to graduate school.

## Academic Colleges and Professional Schools/Colleges

<p><i>Academic Colleges include:</i>          College of Fine, Performing &amp; Communication Arts          College of Liberal Arts and Sciences</p> <p><b>Academic Colleges:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Majors need to be declared by 30 cr. You can declare by meeting with an Academic Advisor or by going onto Pipeline to change it yourself</li> <li>• Majors are broad in scope and require 30 - 50 cr. of study in a single subject.</li> <li>• Academic majors may be less restrictive for finding a job or applying to graduate school, but do not certify you for a specific field.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Professional Schools and Colleges include:</i>          Business Administration          Education          Engineering          Nursing          Pharmacy and Health Sciences          Social Work</p> <p><b>Professional Schools and Colleges:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application or permission is required before you can start their core and major courses. Each program sets its own application deadline.</li> <li>• Applications usually include completion of University Gen Ed Requirements and any additional prerequisite courses.</li> <li>• They may be competitive and/or selective for admission. Some programs also require entrance exams and/or relevant experience.</li> </ul>
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### **Additional Advising:**

Academic majors, pre-Nursing, pre-Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and pre-Social Work students may meet with a University Advising Center advisor in 1600 Undergraduate Library to review their general education and pre-professional requirements. Please visit [advising.wayne.edu](http://advising.wayne.edu) for more information.

Students interested in Business, Education, Engineering, and Fine, Performing, and Communication Arts should contact their college advisors for assistance. Go to [wayne.edu](http://wayne.edu) and click on Academic Programs for a list of colleges.

## How to graduate with Honors

University Honors can be added to any bachelor's degree, regardless of which college your major is in. If your department has a departmental Honors track, you can graduate with an Honors version of your major as well as University Honors. You will find the list of current department Honors tracks as well as links to their websites on [honors.wayne.edu](http://honors.wayne.edu).

Generally speaking, department Honors requires 12 – 15 credits, including the Honors 4200-level seminar and an Honors thesis under the guidance of full-time faculty in your major. Some departments add additional requirements, such as a higher GPA requirement, or a specific number of Honors credits that must be obtained in the major. Graduation with department Honors is noted on your diploma and transcript.

For University Honors, students must complete at least 36 Honors credits, including HON 1000, PS 1010 Honors, a service-learning course, the Honors 4200-level seminar, and thesis. You will receive more information about the service-learning requirement during your freshman year, and there's more information available on our website, under "Current Students" and clicking on "Service-Learning Requirement".

Everything you take for Department Honors does apply towards University Honors, so you only need to write one thesis and take one Honors seminar.

**NOTE:** Only students who have been invited into the Honors College as a freshman and who complete the entire Honors sequence as part of their 36 Honors credits (HON 1000, PS 1010 Honors, HON 3000, HON 42XX and HON 4998) may graduate with University Honors. All other students may join the Honors College their second semester (such as members of the Community of Scholars) by applying and pursuing Honors in their major.



Most students will be able to complete University Honors and possibly departmental Honors, in approximately 11 classes, many of which are already required. Here is an example of a possible way to earn your honors credits. **Please remember that there is not a required amount of honors credits that you need to earn within your major or in general education courses. This is merely an example.**

Course	Term	Grade	Credits
<b>HON 1000</b>	<b>Fall 2017</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>PS 1010 Honors</b>	<b>Winter 2018</b>		<b>4</b>
<b>HON 3000 Service Learning</b>	<b>Freshman or Sophomore year</b>		<b>3 cr. min.</b>
<b>HON 42XX Special Topics Seminar</b>	<b>Junior or senior year</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>HON 4998 Thesis (or dept. Honors Thesis)</b>	<b>Junior or senior year</b>		<b>3 - 6</b>
Gen Ed Honors			3-4
Gen Ed Honors			3-4
Gen Ed Honors			3-4
Gen Ed Honors			3-4
Honors in Major			3-4
Honors in Major			3-4
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TOTAL Honors Credits = 36 credits minimum



## Honors Classes

Honors sections tend to be smaller in size and are usually taught by full-time faculty members. Each Honors class is noted individually on your transcript.

### *Honors courses:*

These have a subject area code of HON.

HON 1000: The City

HON 4998: Honors Thesis,

HON 4990: Directed Study,

HON 42XX: Honors Seminar.

### *Special sections of a course:*

Some sections of a class, such as PS 1010, are marked "Only open to Honors Students," or "Must have a 3.30 or higher." Sometimes earns additional credit for Honors students.

### *Honors option:*

Courses 2000-level or above that are taught by full-time faculty may be enhanced and count as Honors credit.

## Identifying Honors Classes

Honors classes appear in the Schedule of Classes ([classschedule.wayne.edu](http://classschedule.wayne.edu)) and in Academics ([academics.wayne.edu](http://academics.wayne.edu)) with a note in the class title or near the section to let you know it is only available to Honors students. Students must be in good standing in the Honors program to be granted permission to register.

NOTE: When you are looking up classes in the Schedule of Classes, there is generally only one Honors section identified by the grey "Honors" bar. Be sure to look carefully to see which course reference number (CRN) is in the bar.

### How to identify Honors sections

- The three-digit section number usually starts with a 5 (e.g., 500, 501, etc.)
- "Honors" usually appears in the title
- In the Schedule of Classes, a yellow flag may appear with the words, "permission required"
- Use the 'Search' feature within the class schedule to select 'Honors Sections (HN)' within the 'General Education' drop-down feature.
- If you try to register for an Honors course without being a member of the Honors College or without prior permission, you will receive an error message

## Being a Full-time Student

Registering for classes can be challenging the first few times you schedule. Most students will register online via Academics (<http://www.academica.wayne.edu>). Before you register you might want to consider the following:

- Days and times you will be working
- How long it takes to get to campus (add extra time for weather and road conditions)
- List 5 – 7 classes you would like to take
- Whether you prefer morning or afternoon classes
- A calendar of important dates (family vacations, religious holidays, etc.)

Generally speaking, students register for 12 – 16 credits. 12 credits is the minimum to be a full time student. Why? For every credit you are registered, you can expect to be in class for a least one (1) hour. For every hour you are in class, you can plan to prepare and study for at least two (2) hours. Depending on your study habits the material presented, you may need more or less time. Remember, there are only 168 hours in a week!

$$\begin{array}{r} 15 \text{ credits} = 15 \text{ hours in class} \\ + \text{ 30 hours studying} \\ \hline 45 \text{ hours/week} \text{ minimum to be a full-time student} \end{array}$$

Sometimes you need to choose between being a full-time student and working full-time. Trying to do both can lead to not doing well at either and having to repeat a lot of classes. If you apply for an on-campus job, you may be limited to working 20 hours per week. It is recommended that you only work 15 – 20 hours a week if you plan to attend school full-time.

Many classes are held on either Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays or on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Before you try to cram all of your classes on just two or three days, remember that the fewer times a class meets, the longer the time you can expect to be in class. You may find that your schedule starts early in the morning and doesn't stop until late in the afternoon or evening. You will also have to stay organized and study during the days you are not in class.

Below is a sample of the variety of time management strategies and tools you can utilize to coordinate and maintain your schedule. Mix and match strategies to fit your personal style.

Typical	Alternative
Keep a daily planner Write out goals and objectives Organize your workspace Do things right the first time Set priorities and deadlines	Think in terms of results, not activities Schedule time for yourself/take breaks Assign specific amount of time/task Make a NOT to-do list (non-priority activities) Color-coded files/post-its on poster board

**Most students will take 15 credits (three - five classes) each fall and winter term in order to graduate in four years.**

## HON 1000: City I

HON 1000 is the fall semester freshmen honors seminar required for all incoming honors freshmen. The course will continue second semester with PS 1010 Honors.

HON 1000 focuses on cities and the history of cities and what we can learn from them. Field trips within the cultural center enhance the learning experience. In addition to a main lecture, students meet in small discussion groups of 20 students to discuss the lecture and work in small groups.

### Monday AM Lecture: Choose LCT plus one DSC from below

CRN	Sect.	Link	Schd	Days	Times
12280	500	ML	LCT	M	09:30AM - 10:20AM
12284	502	LM	DSC	W	12:30PM - 02:10PM
12286	503	LM	DSC	Th	12:30PM - 02:10PM
12288	505	LM	DSC	W	10:30AM - 12:10PM
12289	506	LM	DSC	Th	10:30AM - 12:10PM
12291	508	LM	DSC	W	02:30PM - 04:10PM
12322	516	LM	DSC	F	10:30AM - 12:10PM
14121	517	LM	DSC	Th	02:30PM - 04:10PM
14143	520	LM	DSC	T	12:30PM - 02:10PM
15244	522	LM	DSC	Th	08:30AM - 10:10AM

### Monday PM Lecture: Choose LCT plus one DSC from below

CRN	Sect.	Link	Schd	Days	Times
12292	509	MN	LCT	M	01:30PM - 02:20PM
12287	504	NM	DSC	T	10:30AM - 12:10PM
12290	507	NM	DSC	T	02:30PM - 04:10PM
12309	511	NM	DSC	W	12:30PM - 02:10PM
12310	512	NM	DSC	Th	12:30PM - 02:10PM
12312	513	NM	DSC	F	12:30PM - 02:10PM
12314	514	NM	DSC	W	10:30AM - 12:10PM
12319	515	NM	DSC	Th	10:30AM - 12:10PM
15242	519	NM	DSC	T	08:30AM - 10:10AM
15243	521	NM	DSC	W	08:30AM - 10:10AM

**Be sure to save PS 1010 Honors for  
Winter 2018!**

## How to Register

If you are still deciding on your major or program, focus on your General Education and Elective courses. Use the Academic Calendar to determine when registration for the next semester will begin and meet with your advisors in advance to review all of your options and avoid the rush.

As an example, here is how you would look up HON 1000 for Fall 2017:

Step 1: Go to the online Schedule of Classes: [classschedule.wayne.edu](http://classschedule.wayne.edu) - be sure the semester is set to Fall 2017

Step 2: Click on "Courses/Subjects" < Honors < HON 1000 (You may also select "Search" and type in HON1000 in the "Course ID" box); uncheck "Do not search classes that are full" to see all of the sections being offered

Step 3: Select either Monday (M) morning or afternoon lecture and a corresponding discussion section.

\*\*Notice how there is a LINK column with matching letters. You may only pair the Monday "ML" lecture with an "LM" discussion.\*\*

**It's very useful to write down the CRNs of your selections!**

Step 4: Clicking on the Course Ref. No. (CRN), will place your selection in your wishlist. You can then go back and select the matching discussion or quiz or choose another class.

Step 5: Using your AccessID and password, log in to register via Academica.

Step 6: Your wishlist CRNs will autofill in the Add Classes Worksheet. Click on "Submit Changes" to add the course to your schedule.

Step 7: Print your schedule either by day/time or detail view.

## Important Websites

### **The Schedule of Classes online ([classschedule.wayne.edu](http://classschedule.wayne.edu))**

The site map will show you on one page all of the links and information available on this website, including Tuition and Fee Rate Schedule, a list of building abbreviations, and a trial schedule form.

Building abbreviations are very important, since WSU has courses on main campus and five extension centers. For example, "OAK" is the Oakland Center in Farmington Hills, while "Main" refers to Old Main on main campus.

### **The Undergraduate Bulletin online ([www.bulletins.wayne.edu](http://www.bulletins.wayne.edu))**

The Undergraduate Bulletin is WSU's catalog of courses and majors. If you want to know what is required to graduate with a degree in Psychology or find out what the University Policy is on plagiarism, the Bulletin has the answers. In addition to course descriptions, each class is marked with a rotation code that tells you how often a course can be expected to be offered. For example, (T) means the course is generally offered every term.

### **The University Advising Center (UAC) ([advising.wayne.edu](http://advising.wayne.edu))**

Chock full of academic goodness, this website has information about the University General Education Requirements and a Student Success Handbook that includes links to help you select a major.

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TENTATIVE PLAN OF WORK

Program/Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Fall 20__	Winter 20__	Spring/Summer 20__
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Campus Map (campusmap.wayne.edu)

