Honors & New Student Orientation 2017

Welcome Wayne State University
Irvin D. Reid Honors College
Class of 2021
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Useful Websites

The following websites are indispensable in trying to navigate WSU. Add them to your bookmarks!

University Housing – as an incoming freshman, you may request to be grouped with other Honors students. Be sure to request the Honors floor on your application: housing.wayne.edu

Honors Student Association (HSA) - the HSA was created to network Honors students from various academic disciplines throughout WSU. The organization also serves to provide Honors students with the opportunity to get involved in diverse social, academic, and service activities: honors.wayne.edu < Get Involved

The Undergraduate Bulletin online – our catalog of courses and major requirements: bulletins.wayne.edu < Undergraduate Bulletin (current)

The Schedule of Classes online – the times and days classes are offered as well as any notes or pre-requisites: classschedule.wayne.edu

WSU Academica – your portal to all things WSU, including registration and orientation: academica.wayne.edu

The University Advising Center (UAC) – 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: advising.wayne.edu

Wayne State University’s Home Page – from here you can click on “Academic Programs” and find links to all Schools and Colleges, then to the departments for information on their majors. You may even find majors you’ve never heard of or thought of majoring in: wayne.edu

Visit us on the web: honors.wayne.edu
Crash Course On How To Register

The easiest way to learn how to register is to look up a course and register for it, so let’s look at a fairly popular science course as an example: BIO 1510. BIO 1510 consists of a main lecture plus a lab.

Step 1: Go to the online Schedule of Classes: www.classschedule.wayne.edu - be sure the semester is set to Fall 2017
Step 2: Click on “Courses/Subjects” < Biological Sciences < BIO 1510 (You may also select “Search” and type in BIO 1510 in the “Course ID” box)
Step 3: Select a lecture and a corresponding discussion section. You will need two separate course reference numbers (CRNs) to add this class to your schedule.
Notice how there is a LINK column with matching letters. The labs are grouped with their lectures and you cannot mix and match them. You must pair a lecture and discussion with the same two letters (i.e., GE with EG or ME with EM).
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.

Welcome!

Congratulations on your decision to attend Wayne State University and welcome to the Irvin D. Reid Honors College!

Please be sure to accept your Scholars Day Award at appstatus.wayne.edu

Many of you have started to look ahead to placement exams, New Student Orientation, and other important details to help you successfully transition from high school to college.

We’re here to help.

In this short booklet we answer many of your questions and review a lot of information. Please read it carefully. Keep this for your reference. Consider it a summer reading assignment - hopefully an interesting and useful one.

Incoming Honors freshmen generally do not meet with the Honors advisor until after Orientation since most students have the same questions. During the fall term you will be required to schedule an appointment with a general education advisor.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (313) 577-3030 or send us an e-mail at honors@wayne.edu.
Academica and your AccessID

By now, you should have received your AccessID and password to log into Academica (www.academica.wayne.edu).

Your AccessID is two letters followed by four numbers (ex: ab1234). Your WSU ID is a nine-digit number that starts with 003 or 004 (ex: 003 123 456). Be sure to explore Academica and get comfortable with it. You’ll find a lot of information here and it won’t hurt anything to play with it.

If you have any questions about Academica, be sure to call the C&IT Help Desk at (313) 577-4778.

You will want to make sure you can log into Academica before you come to campus for Honors Orientation.

WSU OneCard

Your OneCard is your photo ID, parking card, library card, and campus debit card for many of the campus stores and restaurants. As part of New Student Orientation, your photo will be taken for your OneCard. You will need photo identification. For more information, visit onecard.wayne.edu

F’17 Schedule Options

Selecting classes for your first semester can be a daunting task. You have a lot of options from which to choose and you may not know what to take or why you have to take it. At Orientation, you will be given an overview of the General Education requirements.

However, since you can drop, add, and adjust your schedule through the first two weeks of classes, you might want to try registering from home. You still have to go to Orientation, but you might want to explore the registration system at your own pace.

Using the “Crash Course on How to Register,” try looking up the some of these classes:

| Basic Composition:     | ENG 1020 |
| Basic Speech:          | COM 1010* |
| Introduction to Nutrition | NFS 2030 |
| Basic Life Mechanisms  | BIO 1510* |
| Introduction to Film   | COM 2010 |
| Foreign Language       | SPA/JPN/GER/etc. 1010 |

* Honors sections available (see honors.wayne.edu < Current Students for a list of offerings for Fall 2017)

NOTE: Do NOT register for PS 1010, you will be required to take it in Winter 2018 regardless of any AP credit earned.

For more information about general education requirements specific to your area of interest/major, go to: advising.wayne.edu < Prospective New Students < Freshmen

Visit us on the web: honors.wayne.edu
HON 1000: The City

HON 1000 focuses on cities, their history, and what we can learn from them. Field trips within the cultural center of Detroit enhance the learning experience.

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Permission for HON 1000: If you have accepted your Scholars Day Award on or before May 1, you will be given permission to register for any open HON 1000 during Orientation registration.

**NOTE:** PS 1010 Honors is required for Winter 2018 Honors Orientation

University Orientation Dates
To reserve your spot and for more information, go to [https://wayne.edu/orientation/freshmen/](https://wayne.edu/orientation/freshmen/)

*There are One-day Orientation Programs on:
  - May 13, 20
  - June 2, 7, 14, 28
  - July 13, 21, 26
  - August 23

*There are Overnight Orientation Programs on:
  - June 9 and 10 for Pre-Med students
  - July 11 and 12 for The Successful Learner

You will be part of the regular orientation group for most of the day, but during the morning you will attend an Honors Information Session. You and other Honors students will be given a brief presentation about the Honors College, University Honors, and honors courses.

What if you can't or don't attend Orientation? It's okay, you are still part of the Honors College, just remember to include HON 1000 in your Fall 2017 schedule. Also, the Orientation presentation and Orientation Booklet are available to view online [honors.wayne.edu](http://honors.wayne.edu)<Current Students<Information for Incoming Honors Freshmen

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Placement Exams

All incoming freshmen are required to follow prerequisites for courses, including placement exams. Curious about prerequisites? Go to the Schedule of Classes online at www.classschedule.wayne.edu. There’s a note section to tell you what you need to be eligible to register. Most freshmen will select courses numbered at the 1000- and 2000-level.

For more information about placement exams, please go to: http://testing.wayne.edu/testing/first-year-students.php

English Placement Exam: Students with an ACT English score of 21 or higher are placed into ENG 1020. Students with an ACT English score of 20 or below are placed into ENG 1010.

If you have already received credit for (BC), maybe through AP Language/Literature or CLEP exam, check out ENG 3020 for Intermediate Composition (IC).

Math Placement exam: All students are encouraged to complete their University math competency requirement as soon as possible.

For non-science majors, the University math competency requirement may be met with an ACT Math score of 25 or higher, after which no further math classes are required. If you have a ACT Math score of 18 – 24, you may take MAT 1000.

For science and math-based majors, the math competency requirement will be met as part of the math classes for your specific major.

ACT Math score of 29 - 36 = placement into MAT 2010.
ACT Math score of 26 - 28 = placement into MAT 1110, 1120, 1500, 1800.
ACT Math score of 21 - 25 = placement into MAT 0995, 1050.
ACT Math score of 18 - 20 = placement into MAT 1000.

University Honors

Honors credit may be earned through Honors sections, courses listed as HON, or by adding an Honors assignment to a course through Honors Option, often on classes you already need.

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TOTAL Honors Credits = 36 credits minimum (approximately 11 classes)
HON 1000 and PS 1010 Honors are worth a total of seven (7) credits towards graduating with University Honors, and the Honors seminar and thesis generally equal another six (6) credits. You will also be expected to participate in at least one service-learning course for a minimum of three (3) credits (HON 3000).

Some departments also have honors tracks in the major, but that detail can be discussed when you meet with the Honors advisor later in the year.

As you look up classes for registration on the online Schedule of Classes, you will see Honors classes noted as “Open to Honors students,” or “Must have a 3.30 GPA.” The word Honors is generally in the title and the three-digit section number starts with a 5 (e.g., 500, 501, etc.).

As an Honors student, you will have access to most Honors classes. If you try to register for an Honors class and receive an error message, send an e-mail with your name, WSU ID, and the five-digit course reference number (CRN) to honors@wayne.edu and your request will be considered or you will be referred to the department offering the class.

There are three main ways to earn Honors credit:

- Honors sections of regular courses, such as Oral Communication, COM 1010. These special sections offered by the various departments and are reserved for Honors students. They may either be offered as in conjunction with a larger, non-Honors class or as a class with only Honors students
- Courses offered by the Honors College, such as HON 1000 or the HON 4200-level Honors seminars
- Honors Option, where the student and faculty member agree on an additional assignment to earn Honors credit in a non-Honors class.

Honors students are encouraged to participate in the Rising Scholars and Emerging Scholars programs – these sections feature specially training faculty and built-in study time to encourage mastery of the material. For information about the Emerging Scholars Program and to apply, please visit math.wayne.edu/esp.html

**Biology Placement Exam:** Students with an ACT Composite score of 24 or higher may register for BIO 1500 or BIO 1510. Students with an ACT Composite score of 23 or below are placed into BIO 1050.

There are special Honors sections of BIO 1030, 1500 and 1510.

http://testing.wayne.edu/register/biology-placement-exam.php

**Chemistry Placement exam:** Required for students who are planning to take CHM 1220 and its lab, CHM 1230. This would apply to most science, engineering, pre-med, and pharmacy and health science majors.

Pre-nursing students take a different chemistry sequence (CHM 1020 then CHM 1030), so the placement exam is not required for Pre-Nursing students.

Engineering majors have a special section of CHM 1220, which is CHM 1225.

Honors sections are available of CHM 1220 and CHM 1240

http://testing.wayne.edu/register/chemistry-placement-exam.php

**Registering for Honors sections:** Honors sections have a section number that begins with a 5 (500, 501, etc.) and have a gray bar identifying that one section as Honors. As a coded honors student you will be able to register for honors sections unless there is a Department Permission block on the course. If there is, then you will need to contact that specific department to get permission to take the course.

Visit us on the web: honors.wayne.edu
AP/IB/Dual Enrollment

Do not wait for your AP/IB results to attend Honors Orientation!
If you plan to take Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) exams, or if you took college courses in high school, you might be able to earn credit for the introductory level courses and place into the next level class.

Using information online (including an AP Exam Policy guide) you can estimate where you might place and what credits you may receive.

Common AP exams and their equivalents:
AP Biology: 3 or 4 = BIO 1510 (4 cr.)
Placement: BIO 1500
AP Biology: 5 = BIO 1500 and 1510 (8 cr.)
Placement: BIO 2200 or 2600
AP Chemistry: 3 = CHM 1220 and 1230 (5 cr.)
Placement: CHM 1240 and 1250
AP Chemistry: 4 or 5 = CHM 1220 and 1220, CHM 2280 (8 cr.)
Placement: CHM 1240 and 1250
AP English: 3 = ENG 1020 (Basic Composition) (4 cr.)
Placement: Any Intermediate Composition (IC) course
AP English 4 or 5 = ENG 1020 plus Intermediate Comp. (7 cr.)
Placement: General Education requirements fulfilled
AP Mathematics/Calculus AB: 3, 4, or 5 = MAT 2010 (4 cr.)
Placement: MAT 2020 (see AP booklet for more info.)
AP Mathematics/Calculus BC: 3 = MAT 2010 (4 cr.)
Placement: MAT 2020

A note about AP American Government:
AP American Government: 3, 4, or 5 = PS 1010 (4 cr.).
This credit will be duplicated in Winter 2018 and the AP credit will be deducted. PS 1010 Honors Winter 2018 is required.

Scholars Day Award Maintenance

Here are some highlights about how to maintain good standing in the Honors College:
- Honors freshmen are expected to complete University Honors (36 Honors credits, including HON 1000 and PS 1010 Honors freshman year)
- Honors good standing requires annual progress towards completing University Honors which is an average of 9 honors credits a year
- Honors good standing requires a minimum 3.30 cumulative GPA
- Please refer to your Scholars Day Award agreement for additional information

How Honors Works

Out of the 120-credit minimum required to graduate, some classes will be designated as Honors. Honors classes are noted on your transcript, and when you graduate with Honors it is also noted on your diploma.

Honors classes are generally smaller in size and taught by full-time faculty. To graduate with University Honors, you must complete at least 36 credits, which on average is one to two Honors classes per term. Most students take three or four classes each semester. Honors students are encouraged to take advantage of Honors sections of general education courses as part of their 36 credits.