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# Honors Orientation 2020

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## Welcome to Honors!

We 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 - any of the degrees available at WSU.** Honors is designed to help the best and the brightest make the most of their education 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.

### University Honors

University Honors is an interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary co-major that includes at least 28 Honors credits during an undergraduate program. Within those credits, students will complete:

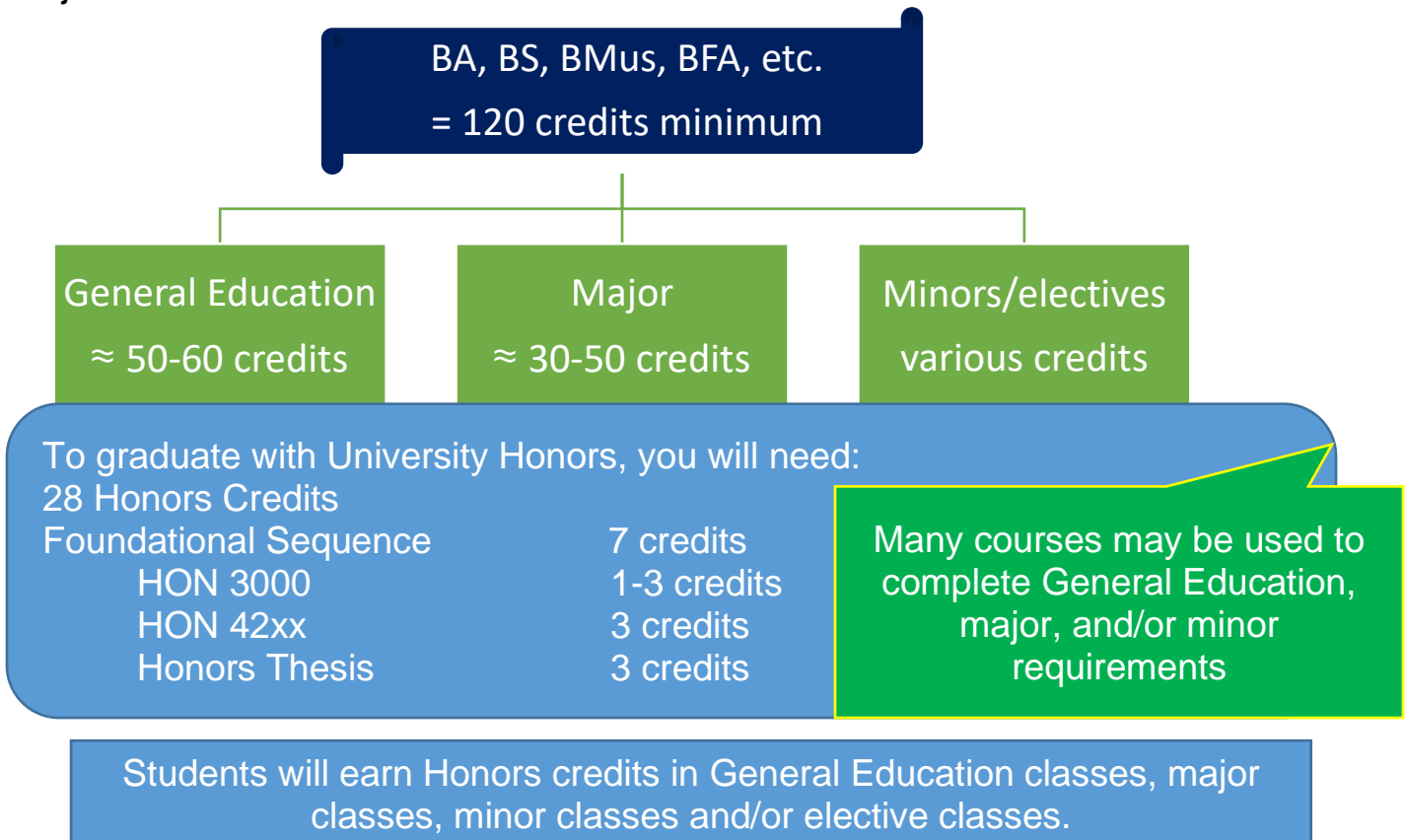
- Foundational Sequence
  - HON 1000 (Fall 2020), Foundational Seminar course (Winter 2021)
- HON 3000: Field Learning
  - Students will elect an approved *Research, Service-Learning, Study Abroad, or Internship/Co-op/Practicum experience*
- A special-topics Honors Seminar (HON 42xx)
- Honors Thesis/Thesis Project

### Honors and Scholarships

- All Scholarships: Students must 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).
- Spring/Summer semester (May - August) is not covered by scholarship funds, although it is included in the academic year.
- For more information about your scholarship, visit [www.scholarships.wayne.edu](http://www.scholarships.wayne.edu)

## Earning a Bachelor's Degree

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



### University and College General Education Requirements (≈ 50-60 cr.)

There are two types: Competency Requirements and Group Areas Requirements. These are common requirements that all students take. Degree Works helps students outline what they still need to complete.

### Program/Major Requirements (≈ 30-75 cr.)

Your major contains the largest number of credits in a single subject.

### Electives (≈ 20-30 cr.)

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

## Academic Colleges and Professional Schools/Colleges

<p><i>Academic Colleges include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ College of Fine, Performing &amp; Communication Arts</li><li>❖ College of Liberal Arts and Sciences</li></ul> <p>Academic Colleges:</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 changing it online at <a href="http://wsuchomp.apps.wayne.edu">wsuchomp.apps.wayne.edu</a>.</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></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Mike Illich School of Business</li><li>❖ College of Education</li><li>❖ College of Engineering</li><li>❖ College of Nursing</li><li>❖ Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences</li><li>❖ School of Social Work</li></ul> <p>Professional Schools and Colleges:</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 often includes 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

The University Honors co-major can be added to any bachelor's degree, regardless of a student's major(s). If your major has a Departmental Honors track, you can also 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).

All Departmental Honors require at least 12 Honors credits including the HON 42xx-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 28 Honors credits, including HON 1000, Honors Foundational Seminar, an approved HON 3000 Field Learning endeavor, an Honors 42xx-level seminar, and thesis. **You will receive more information about efficiently working in your requirements during your one-on-one appointment with an Honors advisor held during the Fall.**

Department Honors courses also apply towards needed University Honors credits. Thus, students pursuing both programs will complete one thesis and one Honors seminar.

**NOTE:** Only students who complete the entire Honors sequence as part of their 28 Honors credits (Foundational sequence, HON 3000, HON 42XX and HON 4998) may graduate with University Honors.

### Good Standing in Honors

- Must maintain a 3.3 cumulative GPA
- Maintain progress toward completing University Honors
- **Students who have accepted the Deans Award are required to take HON 1000 in Fall 2020 to move forward in University Honors curriculum.**



Most students will be able to complete University Honors and possibly Departmental Honors, in approximately 10 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 (DEI or CIV)</b>	<b>Fall 2020</b>		<b>4</b>
<b>HON Foundational Seminar</b>	<b>Winter 2021</b>		<b>3-4</b>
<b>HON 3000: Field Learning</b>			<b>1-3 cr.</b>
<b>HON 42XX Special Topics Seminar (often CI or GL)</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 or Honors in major			3-4
Gen Ed Honors or Honors in major			3-4
Gen Ed Honors or Honors in major			3-4
Gen Ed Honors or Honors in major			3-4
Gen Ed Honors or Honors in major			3-4

TOTAL Honors Credits = 28 credits minimum

## Honors Classes

There are three ways to earn Honors credit. Each Honors class is noted individually on your transcript.

1. Honors courses – which are classes where the subject code is HON.
2. Honors sections – these are housed in various disciplines: Biology, Political Science, Psychology, English, etc. Honors sections tend to be smaller class sizes and are usually taught by full-time faculty members.
3. Honors options – this is a process where students work with instructors to add an Honors project to a class. When the project and the class are completed with a B or higher – the student receives Honors credit for the course and associated credits. More information is available at <https://honors.wayne.edu/students/forms>.

### 1. 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

### 2. Honors sections:

Some sections of a class, such as PS 1010, are marked “Honors.” These courses are only open to Honors students and have section numbers in the 500s.

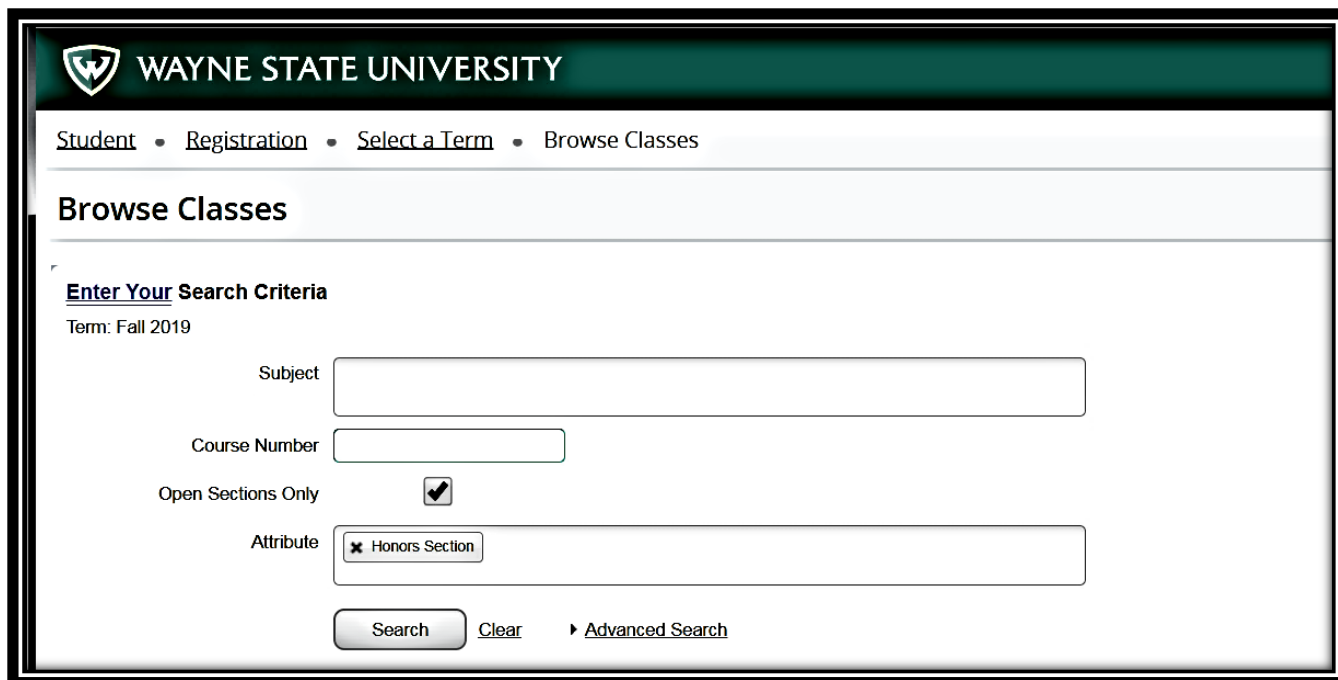
### 3. Honors options:

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 (<https://registration.wayne.edu/>) and in Academics (a.wayne.edu) with a note in the class title 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.



The screenshot shows the Wayne State University website's 'Browse Classes' search interface. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for 'Student', 'Registration', 'Select a Term', and 'Browse Classes'. Below the navigation is a section titled 'Browse Classes' with a sub-section 'Enter Your Search Criteria'. The search criteria include a dropdown for 'Term' set to 'Fall 2019', a text input for 'Subject', a text input for 'Course Number', a checkbox for 'Open Sections Only' which is checked, and a dropdown for 'Attribute' with 'Honors Section' selected. At the bottom of the search criteria are buttons for 'Search', 'Clear', and 'Advanced Search'.

### How to identify Honors sections

- “Honors” usually appears in the title
- Use the ‘Search’ feature within the class schedule to type ‘Honors’ in the Attribute box
- The 3-digit section number usually starts with a 5 (e.g., 500, 501, etc.)
- Students who 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. 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 conditions)
- List 5 – 7 classes you plan to take
- Whether you prefer morning or afternoon classes
- A calendar of important dates (family vacations, religious holidays, etc.)

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

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 15 \text{ credits} & = & 15 \text{ hours in class} \\ + \text{ 30 hours studying} & & \\ \hline & & 45 \text{ hours/week } \textit{minimum} \end{array}$$

Sometimes you need to choose between being a full-time student and working full-time. Doing both can lead to poor outcomes and having to repeat classes. If you work an on-campus job, you may be limited to working 20 hours per week. It is recommended that students limit work to 15- 20 hours/week when full-time.

Many classes are held on either Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays or on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Before you 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. Your schedule may start early in the morning and not stop until the evening. You will also have to stay organized and study during the days you are not in class.

### Time management strategies and tools!

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

**Many students will take 15 credits (3 - 5 classes) each fall and winter term in order to graduate in 4 years.**

# HON 1000: First course in the Foundational Sequence

HON 1000 a four-credit fall semester course. It is required for all University Honors students. This class has both a Lecture and a **linked** Discussion.

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 to discuss the lecture and work in small groups.

When registering, students will choose one LCT (Lecture) section and also one of the **linked** DSC (Discussion) section. **NOTE:** Listed in chart below are examples, not actual classes.

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Student | Registration | Select a Term | Browse Classes

### Browse Classes

Search Results  
Term: Fall 2020 Subject: Honors Course Number: 1000

CRN	Subject	Course Number	Title	Hours	Meeting Times & Location	Campus	Status
11789	HON	1000	<a href="#">The City: Changing Detroit</a> Lecture	4	S M T W T F S 10:30 AM - 12:10 PM Type: Class Building: General Le	Main Ca...	210 of 243 seats remain. <a href="#">LINKED</a>
15798	HON	1000	<a href="#">The City: Changing Detroit</a> Discussion	0	S M T W T F S 02:30 PM - 04:10 PM Type: Class Building: Old Main F	Main Ca...	26 of 27 seats remain. <a href="#">LINKED</a>
11792	HON	1000	<a href="#">The City: Changing Detroit</a> Discussion	0	S M T W T F S 12:30 PM - 02:10 PM Type: Class Building: State Hall	Main Ca...	20 of 27 seats remain. <a href="#">LINKED</a>
11794	HON	1000	<a href="#">The City: Changing Detroit</a> Discussion	0	S M T W T F S 12:30 PM - 02:10 PM Type: Class Building: Old Main F	Main Ca...	25 of 27 seats remain. <a href="#">LINKED</a>
11795	HON	1000	<a href="#">The City: Changing Detroit</a> Discussion	0	S M T W T F S 10:30 AM - 12:10 PM Type: Class Building: Alex Manoi	Main Ca...	26 of 27 seats remain. <a href="#">LINKED</a>
11796	HON	1000	<a href="#">The City: Changing Detroit</a> Discussion	0	S M T W T F S 10:30 AM - 12:10 PM Type: Class Building: Old Main F	Main Ca...	15 of 27 seats remain. <a href="#">LINKED</a>
15802	HON	1000	<a href="#">The City: Changing Detroit</a> Discussion	0	S M T W T F S 08:30 AM - 10:10 AM Type: Class Building: Alex Manoi	Main Ca...	24 of 27 seats remain. <a href="#">LINKED</a>
11797	HON	1000	<a href="#">The City: Changing Detroit</a> Discussion	0	S M T W T F S 02:30 PM - 04:10 PM Type: Class Building: Alex Manoi	Main Ca...	21 of 27 seats remain. <a href="#">LINKED</a>
15803	HON	1000	<a href="#">The City: Changing Detroit</a> Discussion	0	S M T W T F S 10:30 AM - 12:10 PM Type: Class Building: Old Main F	Main Ca...	27 of 27 seats remain. <a href="#">LINKED</a>
11799	HON	1000	<a href="#">The City: Changing Detroit</a> Lecture	4	S M T W T F S 02:30 PM - 04:10 PM Type: Class Building: General Le	Main Ca...	224 of 243 seats remain. <a href="#">LINKED</a>

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To avoid registration errors, be sure to:

1. Register for a discussion section that is linked to the lecture you would like to attend.
2. Register for both pieces (Lecture and Discussion) at the same time.

## How to Register

If you are still deciding on a major, focus on GenEd and elective courses. Use the Academic Calendar to learn when registration for the next semester begins. Meet with your advisors early to review your options and avoid the rush.

As an example, here is how you would look up HON 1000 for Fall 2020:

- Step 1: Using your AccessID and password, log in to register via Academica. Under the student menu, choose Student Resources, then Registration Portal.
- Step 2: Select “Browse Classes” to prepare, then later “Register for Classes”
- Step 3: Use the drop down menu to select Fall 2020
- Step 4: Type in “Honors” in the Subject field
- Step 5: In the Course Number field, type in: 1000 then click Search
- Step 6: Viewing the results, choose a Lecture section – morning or afternoon – each has linked Discussion sections to choose from.
- Step 7: Select “Add” on the far right to place class in the summary box below.
- Step 8: When all desired classes are selected, choose submit on bottom right of Summary box.

**In order to prepare for registration, select “Browse Classes” and write down CRNs of your selections with schedule details.**

## Important Websites

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

The site map will show you information available 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, “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 Physics or find out the policy on plagiarism, the Bulletin has the answers. In addition to course descriptions, each class is marked with a rotation code that indicates how often a course is 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))**

This website has information about the 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 2020		Winter 2021		Spring / Summer 2021	
HON	1000 - 4 cr.	F. Seminar	3-4.		
Fall 2021		Winter 2022		Spring / Summer 2022	
	HON 3000: Field Learning				
Fall 2022		Winter 2023		Spring / Summer 2023	
HON	42xx 3 cr.				
Fall 2023		Winter 2024		Spring / Summer 2024	
HON	4998 3-6 cr.				

# Campus Map (campusmap.wayne.edu)

