Honors Preview

Information for Transfer & Earn-In Students
Regarding Departmental Honors & Earning Honors Credit
## Two (2) Honors Roads

### Road 1: Departmental Honors
- Complete Honors curriculum set by your major
- Includes at least 12 honors credits
  - Comprised of HON 42xx, Thesis, and Honors sections or Honors Options

### Road 2: Bolster Transcript
- Select Honors courses expand knowledge
- Choose frequency and total of honors credits
Road 1: Departmental Honors

• At least 12 Honors credits (these are not additional credits, just taken as Honors)
• Includes a HON 42xx Junior/Senior Seminar
  • Must have at least a 3.3 GPA and 56 credits to register
  • Interdisciplinary
  • Fall 2018 courses at https://honors.wayne.edu/students/courses
    • Email block lift requests to honors@wayne.edu
• Includes research and a Thesis
• End product: Your degree name includes the word Honors – stand out at a first glance when applying to professional schools and jobs
Road 1: Nursing Example

**Department Information**
College of Nursing Office of Student Affairs  
Room 10, Cohn Building (313) 577-4082  
www.nursing.wayne.edu

**College Honors in Nursing (12 credits minimum)**
- Students must maintain a 3.5 WSU GPA
- Select the Honors Option in at least two NUR courses
- Honors Option Thesis in one NUR course (3 credits minimum)
- One HON 42XX, Honors Seminar (3 credits)

**Honors College Membership:**
F’10 or later. Current WSU and transfer students are encouraged to apply for membership to the Honors College and pursue Honors in their major (www.honors.wayne.edu < Forms).

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Road 1: English Example

Department of English Department
Room 9408, 5057 Woodward
(313) 577-2450
www.english.wayne.edu
Academic/Service Officer: Royanne Smith

Departmental requirements (12 credits minimum)
Students must apply to the Honors English Program. Applications are available at:
http://clasweb.clas.wayne.edu/english/honorsprogram
- Need 3.30 or better WSU GPA; 3.50 in major
- Honors English majors require a minimum of 36 credits in English beyond Basic (BC) and
Intermediate Composition (IC) including:
  - ENG 3100 (3 cr.)
  - ENG 3110, 3120, 3140 (9 cr.)
  - One course in theory (3 cr.)
  - One comparative or cross-disciplinary
    course (3 cr.)
  - ENG 4991 (3-6 cr.) English Honors Seminar
  - ENG 4992 (3 cr.) English Honors Essay

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Departmental Honors Notes

• Must be declared
  • Students complete this step with the major advisor
    • Some departments have an application process
  • Not every major offers Departmental Honors as a path
Road 2: Enhance Transcript

- Not all majors offer Departmental Honors, nonetheless, be sure to maximize your Honors College membership
  - Earn Honors Credits
  - Attend Honors events – see bottom of page at honors.wayne.edu
  - Join Honors Student Association
  - Participate in pre-priority registration (aka first-in-line)
3 ways to Earn Honors credit

• **1. Honors Courses**
  - Subject code “HON”
    - HON 42xx - Seminar
    - HON 4998 - Thesis
    - HON 4390 – Detroit Fellows Tutoring

• **2. Honors sections**
  - Offered for many gen ed courses
  - Always in the 500s
  - Smaller class sizes
  - Designed for Honors students
3. Honors Option

• Select a course: 2000-level or higher
  • Taught by full-time or part-time faculty (not GTA or GRA)
• Add an Honors Project determined by you and your instructor
• Earn B or better in course and on project
• That course and its associated credits receive the Honors Designation
Honors Option Process: What do I do?

• Download Honors Option form from Honors website.
  • Updated each semester with deadline specified: https://honors.wayne.edu/students/forms
• Talk to your instructor to determine project & fill out proposal form
  • Attach syllabus and project description
• Submit proposal packet to the Honors College by deadline
• Once approved, earn a B or better in course and assignment
• The Honors College will contact instructor for Honors grade & work with Records to add the Honors notation
Beauty of the Honors Option

• You earn Honors credits by taking a course you already needed to take for your degree
• You go more in depth or more widely than other students
• You have a chance to create a relationship with your instructor
  • Mentor
  • Research
  • Letters of reference
• You add one project to the course and are able to earn 3, 4, 5 credits, depending upon the number of credits in the class.

Your professional network starts now!
What’s next?

• If you haven’t already, accept the membership or apply at https://honors.wayne.edu/application
• Email Honors advisors with any questions you have at honors@wayne.edu
• Try “Honors” on
  • Take a section or create an Honors Option
    • The Honors Option form is under Students – Forms at honors.wayne.edu
• Talk to your major advisor
  • Determine if Departmental Honors is available
  • Get declared as pursuing Departmental Honors
Meet with an Honors Advisor

- Open Advising: Mondays & Thursdays 9-12 & 1-3:30, changes noted at: https://honors.wayne.edu/students/advising
- Attend Honors Research workshops and other events
- Follow us on
  - Facebook https://www.facebook.com/honorsatwayne
  - Twitter https://twitter.com/wsuhonors
  - YouTube https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZItFw6CckVvYQJga430wHg

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