

## **HONORS COURSES (HONR)**

**HONR 100      FRESHMAN SEMINAR: THE HONORS EXPERIENCE (1)** This course prepares students for the honors experience by providing them with essential skills needed to function effectively as members of a living and learning community.

**HONR 103      ADVANCED ENGLISH COMPOSITION (3)** This course emphasizes the process of writing in which students produce a range of expository essays. Students' writing and reading skills are refined through the close analysis of selected texts and careful editing of student writing.

**HONR 111-112      HUMANITIES SEMINAR I, II (3,3)** These seminars explore topics in Western civilization from an essentially historical perspective including consideration of questions relating to political stability, war and revolution, economic development, social conditions, and significant ideas and movements in the arts, sciences, philosophy, and religion. First semester generally comprises studies from the ancient Near East, Greece, and Rome through the Middle Ages and the Renaissance. Second semester treats topics from the Age of Discovery and the Reformation through the French Revolution and Napoleonic Wars, the Industrial Revolution, and the twentieth century.

**HONR 121 MATHEMATICS SEMINAR (3)** This overview of the fundamentals of mathematics includes selected topics such as symbolic logic, elementary set theory, theory of numbers, inductive and deductive reasoning, analysis of algorithms, geometry, probability, calculus, and mathematical foundations of computer science.

**HONR 131 SOCIAL SCIENCE SEMINAR (3)** This course is an inter-disciplinary analysis of economic, political, and social issues including issues related to methods of social research.

**HONR 211 HUMANITIES SEMINAR (3)** This course is a comparative study of selected texts from world literature that provides students with multiple perspectives on significant human issues.

**HONR 212 HUMANITIES SEMINAR (3)** This seminar examines major schools of philosophy and/or major religious traditions with discussion of varied specific topics within these disciplines.

**HONR 221 FINE ARTS SEMINAR (3)** This seminar provides interdisciplinary inquiry into the processes of imagination and artistic creation, relationships among the visual and performing arts, and the social and cultural values of the fine arts.

**HONR 233-234 SCIENCE SEMINAR I, II (4, 4)** Three hours lecture and two hours laboratory. This two-course sequence presents an integrated approach to the study of the sciences. Seminars focus on the principles that form a seamless web of knowledge about the natural universe. Students gain an understanding of the scientific process and will learn to read and appreciate popular accounts of major discoveries in the sciences.

**HONR 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346 HONORS COLLOQUIUM (3)** Thematic colloquia are organized around artistic, philosophical, scientific, and other issues in areas such as war and peace, tyranny and freedom, poverty and wealth, and faith and morals. Recent colloquia include “The Film Maker as Philosopher,” “The Challenge of Economic Change After Communism,” “Probability and Reality,” and “Re-thinking American Literature.”

**HONR 397 INDEPENDENT STUDY IN HONORS (1-3)** *Prerequisites: Approval of faculty sponsor and school dean; junior or senior standing.* This course provides students the opportunity to pursue individual study of topics not covered in other available courses. The area for investigation is developed in consultation with a faculty sponsor and credit is dependent on the nature of the work. May be repeated for no more than six credits.

**HONR 398 SPECIAL TOPICS IN HONORS (1-3) [credit depends on topic]** *Prerequisite: A background of work in the discipline.* This course will focus on an aspect of the discipline not otherwise covered by the regularly offered courses. The topic will vary according to professor and term; consequently, more than one may be taken by a student during his/her matriculation.

**HONR 435-436 HONORS SYMPOSIUM (1,1)** *Corequisite: GS 435-436.* Students in Honors Symposium enroll in the regular Senior Symposium (GS 435-436) and attend the lectures and a discussion section with the other students in that class. They then meet separately for an additional hour of discussion.

**HONR 451-452 SENIOR HONORS PROJECT (3,3)** An approved project must be developed with a faculty advisor and evaluated with the aid of a three-person faculty committee that includes the advisor and an instructor from outside the project’s discipline. Each project must meet the guidelines of the Westover Program’s “Policy on the Senior Honors Project.” All students must complete a minimum of three hours of Senior Honors Project. Students are encouraged to pursue a project in their major discipline, although interdisciplinary projects are acceptable if approved by the advisor. Enrollment in the senior honors project for six hours credit ordinarily requires one project of appropriate depth to necessitate a full year of attention or two individual projects credited at three hours each.