HONORS COLLEGE (HNRS)

100 Level Courses

Introduces students to a wide range of disciplinary research practices. Students learn how to identify a topic and pose a focused research question, use information technology to find relevant sources, and develop a research proposal. Notes: Students must complete HNRS 109, which has a prerequisite of HNRS 108, to fulfill the equivalent of HNRS 110. Offered by Honors College. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:
Enrollment limited to students with the Honors College (Business), Honors College (STEM), or Honors College. attributes.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale.

Additional Course Details: Title varies by section and/or semester

HNRS 109: Introduction to Research Methods II. 3 credits.
Students continue to learn a wide range of disciplinary research practices. Students learn how to pose a research question, analyze pertinent evidence, and write and speak clearly by participating in a scholarly conversation. Offered by Honors College. May not be repeated for credit. Equivalent to HNRS 110.

Specialized Designation: Scholarly Inquiry

Recommended Prerequisite: HNRS 108.

Registration Restrictions:
Enrollment limited to students with the Honors College (Business), Honors College (STEM), or Honors College. attributes.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale.

HNRS 110: Research Methods. 4 credits.
Introduces students to a wide range of disciplinary research practices. Students learn how to pose and pursue a focused research question, use information technology to find relevant sources, analyze pertinent evidence, and write and speak clearly by participating in scholarly conversation. Offered by Honors College. May not be repeated for credit. Equivalent to HNRS 109.

Specialized Designation: Scholarly Inquiry

Registration Restrictions:
Enrollment limited to students with the Honors College (Business), Honors College (STEM), or Honors College. attributes.

Schedule Type: Lecture, Recitation

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale.

HNRS 122: Reading the Arts (Topic Varies). 3 credits.
Course topic varies by semester. Explores the language of the art medium and the relationship of parts to whole in art works, connections among different art forms, and links between art and its historical context. In exploring multiple art forms, including literature, students will also learn how various artistic devices contribute to meaning. Students will critically explore detail and nuance in the social, historical and personal context of the work(s). Students will also participate in or attend a visual or performance-based art work(s) or event(s). Offered by Honors College. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:
Enrollment limited to students with the Honors College (Business), Honors College (STEM), or Honors College. attributes.

Schedule Type: Lecture, Recitation

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale.

Additional Course Details: Title varies by section and/or semester

HNRS 130: Conceptions of Self (Topic Varies). 3 credits.
Course topic varies by semester. Drawing from appropriate works in social sciences, arts, and humanities, examines different conceptions and definitions of the self from diverse cultures and historical contexts. Offered by Honors College. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:
Required Prerequisites: (HNRS 110C, 302C, 210C or 108C).
C Requires minimum grade of C.

Enrollment limited to students with the Honors College (Business), Honors College (STEM), or Honors College. attributes.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale.

Additional Course Details: Title varies by section and/or semester

HNRS 131: Contemporary Society in Multiple Perspectives (Topic Varies). 3 credits.
Course topic varies by semester. Explores methods and perspectives in social sciences and humanities to evaluate contributions of different disciplines to social and cultural issues, their constructions, their global ramifications. Investigates our individual, collective, and institutional responsibilities as citizens of a diverse and interconnected world. Offered by Honors College. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:
Required Prerequisites: (HNRS 110C, 210C, 302C or 108C).
C Requires minimum grade of C.

Enrollment limited to students with the Honors College (Business), Honors College (STEM), or Honors College. attributes.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale.

Additional Course Details: Title varies by section and/or semester

200 Level Courses

HNRS 211: Mentorship in Undergraduate Research. 0-2 credits.
Students learn to use their own research experience as a tool to guide beginning scholars by mentoring students in Honors 110: Research
Methods, through workshops and oral presentations. Offered by Honors College. May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** Grade of C or better in HNRS 109, HNRS 110, HNRS 210, or HNRS 302.

**Registration Restrictions:**
Enrollment limited to students with the Honors College (Business), Honors College (STEM), or Honors College. attributes.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale.

**HNRS 230:** Cross-Cultural Perspectives (Topic Varies). 3 credits.
Course topic varies by semester. Enables students to broaden cultural horizons and understand human behavior by comparative studies of societies. Offered by Honors College. May not be repeated for credit.

**Registration Restrictions:**
Required Prerequisites: (HNRS 110, 302 or 210).  
C Requires minimum grade of C.

Enrollment limited to students with the Honors College (Business), Honors College (STEM), or Honors College. attributes.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale.

**Additional Course Details:** Title varies by section and/or semester

**HNRS 240:** Reading the Past (Topic Varies). 3 credits.
Course topic varies by semester. Considers constructions of historical narratives and their context in major world historical events by examining significant current topics such as revolution, race, empire, and religion over time. Considers how public narratives about history are constructed. Students will communicate their understanding of multiple historical narratives through written, oral and digital means. Offered by Honors College. May not be repeated for credit.

**Registration Restrictions:**
Required Prerequisites: (HNRS 110, 302 or 210).  
C Requires minimum grade of C.

Enrollment limited to students with the Honors College (Business), Honors College (STEM), or Honors College. attributes.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale.

**HNRS 300:** Advanced Study Abroad. 0-6 credits.
Offers students in the Honors College the opportunity to take advanced study abroad courses that focus on in-depth research or engaged learning. Offered by Honors College. May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** Grade of C or better in HNRS 109, HNRS 110, HNRS 210, or HNRS 302.

**Registration Restrictions:**
Enrollment limited to students with the Honors College (Business), Honors College (STEM), or Honors College. attributes.

**Schedule Type:** Independent Study

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale.

**HNRS 302:** Research Methods II. 3 credits.
Introduces students transferring into the Honors College to a wide range of disciplinary research practices. Students learn how to choose and focus a research question, find and analyze sources, organize evidence in an essay shaped by an original thesis, write clearly, and address an audience of scholars. Offered by Honors College. May not be repeated for credit.

**Specialized Designation:** Scholarly Inquiry

**Registration Restrictions:**
Enrollment limited to students with the Honors College (Business), Honors College (STEM), or Honors College. attributes.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale.

**HNRS 310:** Honors College Connects I. 0 credits.
The first of a two-semester course in which students work in groups on long-term service projects coming from community nonprofit organizations. Offered by Honors College. May be repeated within the degree.

**Registration Restrictions:**
Enrollment limited to students with the Honors College (Business), Honors College (STEM), or Honors College. attributes.

**Schedule Type:** Independent Study

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Satisfactory/No Credit scale.

**HNRS 311:** Honors College Connects II. 0 credits.
A continuation of HNRS 310, culminating in student presentations of their results to the community nonprofit organizations and constituents of the Honors College. Offered by Honors College. May be repeated within the degree.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** Grade of C or better in HNRS 109, HNRS 110, HNRS 210, or HNRS 302.

**Registration Restrictions:**
Enrollment limited to students with the Honors College (Business), Honors College (STEM), or Honors College. attributes.

**Schedule Type:** Independent Study

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Satisfactory/No Credit scale.

**HNRS 312:** RS: Research in the Public Sphere. 0-3 credits.
Building on projects begun in HNRS 310, students use research/scholarship skills to address community problems presented by nonprofit organizations. Designated as a research and scholarship intensive
course. Offered by Honors College. May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits.

Specialized Designation: Research/Scholarship Intensive

Recommended Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in HNRS 109, HNRS 110, HNRS 210, or HNRS 302.

Recommended Corequisite: HNRS 311 or permission of the instructor.

Registration Restrictions:
Enrollment limited to students with the Honors College (Business), Honors College (STEM), or Honors College. attributes.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale.

HNRS 330: Research, Technology, and Online Community. 0-3 credits. Student applicants selected to participate in the RTOC project will plan and create new media artifacts or learning objects in structured collaboration with university stakeholders and mentors. Through this process, they will deepen their understanding of the research process, learn to appreciate the institutional and social dimensions of undertaking and teaching research, and learn to communicate more effectively about research. Offered by Honors College. May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits.

Recommended Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in HNRS 109, HNRS 110, HNRS 210, or HNRS 302.

Registration Restrictions:
Enrollment limited to students with the Honors College (Business), Honors College (STEM), or Honors College. attributes.

Schedule Type: Independent Study

Grading:
This course is graded on the Satisfactory/No Credit scale.

HNRS 353: Technology in the Contemporary World (Topic Varies). 3 credits. Course topic varies by semester. Critically analyzes emergence and impact of specific technologies on contemporary cultures and the core concepts surrounding these technologies, including legal, social, ethical issues and the technology’s relationship to core information security issues. Students develop a significant research project employing multiple disciplinary perspectives. This project will be communicated ethically and with cultural awareness through written, oral and digital means, showing a critical understanding of technologies and their impact. Offered by Honors College. May not be repeated for credit.

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Registration Restrictions:
Required Prerequisites: (HNRS 110C, 210C, 302C or 109C).

Enrollment limited to students with the Honors College (Business), Honors College (STEM), or Honors College. attributes.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale.

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HNRS 400: Honors College Internship. 0-6 credits. Offers students in the Honors College the opportunity to take an internship that focuses on research or engaged learning. Students develop individual contracts defining learning and competencies they plan to gain from the experience. Pre-internship proposal and final reflection papers required. Notes: Contact the Honors College a semester before the internship for the application process. Offered by Honors College. May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits.

Recommended Prerequisite: HNRS 109, 110, 210 or 302.

Registration Restrictions:
Enrollment limited to students with the Honors College (Business), Honors College (STEM), or Honors College. attributes.

Schedule Type: Internship

Grading:
This course is graded on the Satisfactory/No Credit scale.

HNRS 410: Thesis Proposal. 0-3 credits. Provides guidance in research methods to students writing an honors thesis proposal as well as workshop to critique research in progress and to understand the research process in multiple disciplines. Offered by Honors College. May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits.

Specialized Designation: Research Associated

Recommended Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in HNRS 109, HNRS 110, HNRS 210, or HNRS 302.

Registration Restrictions:
Enrollment limited to students with the Honors College (Business), Honors College (STEM), or Honors College. attributes.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:
This course is graded on the Satisfactory/No Credit scale.

HNRS 411: Thesis. 0-3 credits. Directed research on topic agreed on by student, advisor, and the Honors College. Designated as a research and scholarship intensive course. Offered by Honors College. May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits.

Specialized Designation: Research/Scholarship Intensive

Recommended Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in HNRS 109, HNRS 110, HNRS 210, or HNRS 302.

Registration Restrictions:
Enrollment limited to students with the Honors College (Business), Honors College (STEM), or Honors College. attributes.

Schedule Type: Independent Study

Grading:
This course is graded on the Satisfactory/No Credit scale.
**HNRS 430: Multidisciplinary Challenges in Professional Environments.** 0-3 credits.
Students work to solve a problem or challenge currently faced by an Honors College community partner which is identified in consultation with the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority. Provides students with opportunities to synthesize knowledge and practices developed in prior courses and co-curricular experiences; develops the skills and strategies necessary for working effectively in multidisciplinary teams. Offered by Honors College. May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** HNRS 109, 110, 210, 302.

**Registration Restrictions:**
Enrollment limited to students with the Honors College (Business), Honors College (STEM), or Honors College attributes.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Satisfactory/No Credit scale.

**HNRS 490: Undergraduate Apprenticeship.** 1-3 credits.
Independent work with a faculty mentor on an inquiry-based project involving research, creative activities, or teaching and mentoring. Notes: This course is open only to undergraduates who have been accepted to the Undergraduate Apprenticeship Program. Offered by Honors College. May not be repeated for credit.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** 45 credits and acceptance into the Undergraduate Apprenticeship Program.

**Schedule Type:** Independent Study

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale.