
UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM

The University Honors Program, open to students in all undergraduate divisions of the university, is administered by the Honors Council and the director of university honors. Minimum requirement for acceptance into the program is a composite score of 26 on the ACT. The student must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.3 or higher to be inducted into the program in the spring of the Freshman or Sophomore year and must maintain a 3.3 to graduate as a University Honors Scholar.

The purpose of the University Honors Program is to offer the academically superior student a specially designed program, within a supportive community, that fosters critical thinking, intellectual development and social responsibility. This enhanced program is designed to provide a balance of common experience and flexibility addressed to individual achievement as well as a comprehensive framework on which to build disciplinary studies.

The Honors Program also has an honors house on campus which houses both male and female students. Students should consult with the director of the University Honors Program and the director of University Housing for availabilities and stipulations. The house serves as a residence and a focal point for meeting and activities with the Honors Alliance, and faculty and staff in the Honors Program.

The official student voice within the program is the University Honors Alliance. Membership to the University Honors Alliance is offered to any student with a 3.3 grade point average or higher. There is an annual membership fee of \$5.

University Honors Program Requirements

I. Honors Versions of General Studies.

Within the regular general studies requirements, the University Honors Scholar takes a minimum of seven (7) honors versions of general studies courses distributed over at least four (4) departments. These courses are not in addition to the general studies courses. They are only replacing these courses with honors versions. When the minimum number of honors versions of general studies courses is difficult to attain, the student, with the permission of the honors director, may take upper level courses in the general studies sequence to replace and count toward the credit of the honors version of general studies course(s).

II. Foreign Language Courses.

The University Honors Scholar must take 6 hours of one foreign language (classical or modern) depending upon demonstration of proficiency accepted by the Department of Classical and Modern Languages. The student may take an additional language course, on top of the 6 hour requirement, to suffice as one of the 7 courses and one of the general studies requirement mentioned above in Section I.

III. University Honors Courses.

The program of interdisciplinary studies with the PEAK Program (Promoting Excellence and Knowledge) begins in the fall semester of the freshman or sophomore year, continues throughout the sophomore and junior years and culminates in the fourth year with the University Honors Capstone Seminar. The student takes four interdisciplinary seminars. HON 1101 is taken in the freshman year, HON 2200 and 3300 may be taken in the sophomore and/or junior year, and HON 4400 may be taken in the

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junior or senior year. Transfer students may enter the program with permission of the honors director.

FIRST YEAR, PEAK PROGRAM (ONE SEMESTER):

University Honors candidates can be notified of acceptance into the University Honors Program in the spring semester while enrolled in an honors version of a general studies course in the spring semester. Candidates must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.3 complete HON 1101, and take one honors version of general studies courses each semester, including the spring semester. All honors students must meet with the director of the university honors program each semester for advising.

SUBSEQUENT YEARS:

HON 2200 (3) University Honors Special Topics: Interdisciplinary I
HON 3300 (3) University Honors Special Topics: Interdisciplinary II
HON 4400 (3) University Honors Capstone Seminar

Departmental Honors Versions of General Studies

ART 1134 (3) Honors Visual Arts
ENG 1103 (3) Honors English Composition I
ENG 1104 (3) Honors English Composition II
ENG 2207 (3) Honors World Literature I
ENG 2208 (3) Honors World Literature II
HIS 1103 (3) Honors History of Western Civilization I
HIS 1104 (3) Honors History of Western Civilization II
HIS 1113 (3) Honors U.S. History to 1877
HIS 1114 (3) Honors U.S. History since 1877
MUS 1132 (2) Honors Music Appreciation
PSY 2201 (3) Honors General Psychology
POL 2240 (3) Honors American National Government
SPH 2243 (3) Honors Fundamentals of Speech or Fundamentals of Speech
Individual Honors Placement in Mathematics with the Chair of the Department of Mathematics

Honors Thesis:

The University Honors Scholar is encouraged to complete an honors thesis or honors project in his/her major in accordance with departmental requirements, as shown below:

English

4498-4499 Honors Research and Writing (1 credit hour per semester per course–TBA)

The above courses are designed for outstanding students majoring in English. Taken collectively, they constitute the English upper-level honors program in which a students may specialize in a selected area of literary study. Upon successful completion of all course work and other requirements, the student will be recognized as a graduate with English honors. *Prerequisite: Junior or senior level, grade point average no less than 3.2 in English studies and completion of the English honors application procedure. Consult the department chair for additional information. F, Sp on demand*

History

4498 Honors–Independent Study (1 to 3 hours–TBA)

Advanced research and study for outstanding students in their major field. Culminates in report to a departmental committee which includes invited faculty members in related fields. *Prerequisite: Senior level and 3.5 overall grade point average. Permission of guiding professor and approval of department chair and the dean of arts and sciences. A written request must be submitted to the department chair at least six weeks in advance of the semester the research is to be undertaken.*

University Honors Program Courses (HON)

1101 Freshman Honors Colloquium (3)

The first in a series of interdisciplinary seminars for University Honors Program candidates, combining classwork with focus on the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, attendance at campus and community events, and University Honors Program student activities. *Prerequisite: admission as a candidate for University Honors Program in fall semester of the freshman or sophomore year. F*

2200 University Honors Special Topics: Interdisciplinary I (3)

A one-semester course for students who have been accepted into the University Honors Program via the PEAK Program and completion of the requirements for candidacy. Interdisciplinary topics are determined in advance by the Honors Council and the honors director. *Prerequisites: HON 1101 or permission of the honors director. F, Sp*

3300 University Honors Special Topics: Interdisciplinary II (3)

A one-semester course for students who have been accepted into the University Honors Program. Interdisciplinary topics are determined in advance by the Honors Council and honors director. *Prerequisite: HON 2200 or permission of the honors director. F, Sp*

4400 University Honors Capstone Seminar in Leadership (3)

The final course in the interdisciplinary sequence of University Honors Courses is focused upon the subject of leadership, with specific leadership and service topics determined in advance by the Chancellor, the Director of the Honors Program, and the Director of the Institute for Leadership Studies. This course includes visits from leaders on the TSU main campus, visits with leaders in the community and in the state of Alabama. *Prerequisite: HON 3300 or permission of the honors director. Sp*

4498 Department Honors Thesis or Project (3)

Independent study with honors-level credit within the student's major department. See departmental offerings in English and history.