Honors Program – 2011 catalog
(compatible with USM Core curriculum requirements)

Thesis track = shaded boxes + HON thesis + 3.4 USM GPA*
Non-thesis track = shaded boxes + 3 credits of HON electives + 3.2 USM GPA*

Colleges Writing (3 cr.)
HON 100

Creative Expression (3)
Options:
• HON 207 - Illuminated Autobiography
• TBA

Socio-cultural Analysis (3)
Options:
• HON 103 - Religious & Scientific Perspectives: Origins & Human Body
• TBA

Cultural Interpretation (3)
Options:
• HON 102 Diversity Confrontation & Cross-fertilization - Medieval Cultures
• HON 202 Progress, Process, or Permanence
• TBA

Science Exploration
In 2013, HON 201 (4 cr.) converts to HON 210/211 (3 + 1 cr.)
Partial Waiver: those not needing SE credit, who took an approved lab, may waive 1-cr. HON 211 lab.
Option: Interdisciplinary Inquiry - Sciences of Human Body

Entry Year Experience (3)
HON 101
Substitution: those entering Honors with 24+ cr. or major-specified EYE requirement substitute any HON elective.
Options:
• Myth, Monsters, Metamorphoses
• Power, Corruption & Foundings – Ancient
• Language of Spiritual Texts
• Violence, Wisdom, & Dialogue - Ancient

EISRC (3)
Ethical Inquiry, Social Responsibility, & Citizenship
HON 310
Option: Global Ethical Inquiry (topic varies by instructor) starts Spring ’13
Cluster Course
HON XXX
may be concurrent
Non-HON courses also offered that count toward the Core’s cluster requirement, but not Honors program completion

Capstone 6-9 cr.
Honors Thesis
HON 311
+ HON 411 (former HON 312)
+ HON 412, if needed
(3 Core cr. + 3-6 gen. elective cr., as needed)
Substitution: those in the non-thesis track substitute any 3 cr. HON elective.

Thematic Cluster (or minor)
The Honors Program’s cluster (final approval expected Sept 2012) is
“Casco Bay Region: Where We Live”
Cluster Course
HON XXX
Course topics vary by instructor – see honors website
Cluster Course
HON XXX

Diversity (double countable in Core, except with International):
Options:
• HON 102 (also meets Cultural Interpretation)
• HON 3XX in Casco Bay cluster (or petition for relevant thesis)

International: (double countable in Core, except with Diversity):
Option: HON 310 (also meets EISRC) (or petition for relevant thesis)

*See course catalog for grade requirements in individual courses. Individual honors courses are open, with permission, to any USM student.

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