### Honors Program – 2013/14 catalog

(How honors courses fulfill USM Core requirements)

#### Entry Year Experience (EYE)
**HON 101**: topics vary by instructor

Substitution: if you have 24+ credits before you take your 1st honors course or your major requires a different EYE course, you can substitute an HON elective.

#### College Writing
**HON 100**: Thinking and Writing in Honors

#### Quantitative Reasoning
**HON 105**: Interdisciplinary Intro to Logic & Mathematics

#### Creative Expression
- **HON 207**: Illuminated Autobiography
- **HON 175**: Oral Interpretation of Literature

#### Socio-cultural Analysis
**HON 103**: Cultural & Historical Perspectives on Poverty

#### Cultural Interpretation
- **HON 102**: Diversity - Confrontation & Cross-fertilization: Medieval Cultures
- **HON 202**: Progress, Process, or Permanence [prereq: 24 cr.]
- **HON 299**: Honors Topics: Cultural Studies

#### Science Exploration
**HON 210/211**: Interdisciplinary Inquiry: Sciences of the Human Body

- 3-credit seminar + 1-credit lab

Partial Waiver: if you have credit for an approved lab, the 1-credit HON 211 lab can be waived.

#### Thematic Cluster (or minor)
**“Casco Bay Region: Where We Live”**

- **Cluster Course**
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Choose 3 courses such as…
- **HON 351**: Virtual Sunset vs. Real Sunset: Reading/Writing Maine Environments
- **HON 355**: Casco Bay Area Topics (varies by instructor)
- **HON 359**: Honors Internship/Community Service

#### EISRC
Ethical Inquiry, Social Responsibility & Citizenship
**HON 310**: also International - Global Ethical Inquiry

Topics vary (e.g., Nine Billion People, One Damp Rock)

Substitution: if your major requires a different EISRC course or you study-abroad, you can substitute an approved HON elective.

#### Capstone
**Honors Thesis**

- **HON 311**
- **HON 411**
- **HON 412**

Thesis work takes 2 (or 3) semesters. Depending on your major, you use 3-9 credits of general electives.

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**Graduation with Special Honors:**

**Thesis Track** = 3 required courses + 1 HON elective + Thesis (HON 311/411) + 3.4 USM GPA*

**Non-Thesis Track** = 3 required courses + 2 HON electives + 3.2 USM GPA*

*See catalog for full requirements.

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**Diversity** -- may simultaneously fulfill 2 Core requirements (except International):
- **HON 102**: Confrontation & Cross-fertilization: Medieval Cultures *(also Cultural Interpret.)*
- **HON 299**: Honors Topics: Issues Before the United Nations
  or petition for relevant thesis

**International** -- may simultaneously fulfill 2 Core requirements (except Diversity):
- **HON 310**: Global Ethical Inquiry *(also fulfills EISCR)*
- **HON 299**: Honors Topics: Issues Before the United Nations
  or petition for relevant thesis