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

**Science Exploration**

**HON 200/201**: Interdisciplinary Inquiry: Sciences of the Human Body

3-credit seminar + 1-credit lab

Partial Waiver: if you have credit for an approved bio lab, the lab is not needed – register for HON 210.

**EISRC also International**

**Ethical Inquiry, Social Responsibility & Citizenship**

**HON 310**: Global Ethical Inquiry

Topics vary …

- 9 Billion People, 1 Damp Rock
- Africa, Social Justice, Exile

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

**Thematic Cluster**

(or minor)

"Casco Bay Region: Where We Live"

3 courses complete a cluster

- **HON 351**: Virtual Sunset vs. Real Sunset: Reading/Writing Maine Environments
- **HON 359**: Honors Internship/Community Service
- **HON 355**: Casco Bay Area Topics

Other courses in history, art, tourism, social work, bio, archaeology can be used to complete the Core cluster, but don’t count as HON electives

**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.

**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
- HON 351: Virtual Sunset vs. Real Sunset: Reading/Writing Maine Environments or petition for relevant thesis

**International** -- may simultaneously fulfill 2 Core requirements (except Diversity):

- HON 310: Global Ethical Inquiry (also fulfills EISRC)
- HON 299: Honors Topics: Issues Before the United Nations or petition for relevant thesis

**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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