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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

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 also Diversity - Confrontation & Cross-fertilization: Medieval Cultures

Science Exploration

HON 200/201 - Interdisciplinary Inquiry
Topics vary (Water, Human Body)
3-credit seminar + 1-credit lab
Partial Waiver: if you have credit for an approved, topic-related lab, register for 3-credit HON 210 instead.

Quantitative Reasoning

HON 105 - Interdisciplinary Intro to Logic & Mathematics

Individual honors courses are open to engaged students (with permission).

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.

EISRC also International

Ethical Inquiry, Social Responsibility & Citizenship

HON 310 - Global Ethical Inquiry
Topics vary …
- 9 Billion People, 1 Dam, 1 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 359
Honors Internship/Community Service

HON 355
Casco Bay Area Topics

More HON options available

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 + 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.)
Also look for special sections of HON 299 (Honors Topics) or petition if your thesis is relevant.

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

HON 310 - Global Ethical Inquiry (also fulfills EISRC)
Also look for special sections of HON 299 (Honors Topics) or petition if your thesis is relevant.

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