



Fall 2024 Cohort

# HONORS REQUIREMENTS

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An advising overview of Honors Program requirements for students starting in Fall 2024

# PROGRAM LEADERSHIP

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# COMPLETING UNIVERSITY HONORS

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Complete all requirements to earn  
University Honors

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**Honors Courses**

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**Distinction in Major**

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**Cumulative 3.5 GPA**

# HONORS CHECKLIST

You will generally see these requirements shown in checklist format, as seen here.

DU entering class of Fall 2024 or later

## honors checklist

### honors core sequence

- HNRS 1000: Honors Summit  
*Take during your first quarter*
- HNRS 2000: Extreme Academics  
*Take during your second year*
- HNRS 3000: Into the Unknown  
*Take during your final year*

### gpa

- 3.5+ cumulative GPA by graduation  
*To remain on-track to meet this requirement, you must hit cumulative GPA benchmarks in your first three years: 2.5, 3.2, 3.4 respectively.*

### honors writing

- WRIT 1622:  
Advanced Rhetoric & Writing <sup>a b</sup>
- WRIT 1733:  
Honors Writing <sup>a b</sup>

### honors seminar

- HNRS 2400
- HNRS 2400  
*Topics vary each quarter*

### honors common curriculum

*Pick 3 courses from the following options (you may chose 2 from 1 category) <sup>b c</sup>*

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Analytical Inquiry: Society & Culture course (AISC) with Honors attribute

Scientific Inquiry: Society & Culture course (SISC) with Honors attribute

Advanced Seminar (ASEM) course with Honors attribute

### distinction

- Earn Distinction in one major, per departmental standards <sup>d</sup>
- Present work at Showcase & submit to digital archives, if applicable <sup>e</sup>

### honors science

*highly recommended, not required*

Students not majoring/minoring in a STEM field may choose to complete their Common Curriculum SI: Natural requirement using the Honors Geography sequence: GEOG 1264/1265/1266

### notes & possible exceptions

**a** WRIT 1622/1733 may be waived if the student brings in transfer credit upon entering the program that the University determines will count for WRIT 1122/1133 respectively.

**b** Taking an Honors section fulfills both Honors **and** Common Curriculum requirements in this area.

**c** If there are irresolvable scheduling conflicts, students may request to meet this requirement with an Honors Contract for a non-Honors course. This requires approval from the Honors Director. Students are limited to one Honors contract total.

**d** Departmental requirements for distinction are set out in the bulletin. Granting distinction is always at the discretion of the departments. Honors has no jurisdiction over what qualifies. Familiarize yourself with your department's requirements early as each has different timelines, requirements, application processes and rules.

**e** This is required if you produced an original piece of research, scholarship, or creative work as part of your distinction requirements.

# HONORS CORE COURSES

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## honors core sequence

- HNRS 1000: Honors Summit  
*Take during your first quarter*
- HNRS 2000: Extreme Academics  
*Take during your second year*
- HNRS 3000: Into the Unknown  
*Take during your final year*

### **HNRS 1000: Honors Summit**

- *Meets once for four hours*
- *0 credits*

### **HNRS 2000: Extreme Academics**

- *Offered in fall, winter, & spring*
- *1 credit*

### **HNRS 3000: Into the Unknown**

- *Offered in fall, winter, & spring*
- *1 credit*

# HONORS WRITING

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## honors writing

- WRIT 1622:  
Advanced Rhetoric & Writing <sup>a b</sup>
- WRIT 1733:  
Honors Writing <sup>a b</sup>

### **WRIT 1622**

- *Honors equivalent of WRIT 1122*
- *Take winter of your first year*
- *Waived if you bring in credit for WRIT 1122*

### **WRIT 1733**

- *Honors equivalent of WRIT 1133*
- *Take spring of your first year*
- *Waived if you bring in credit for WRIT 1133*

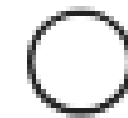
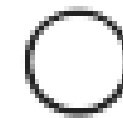
# HONORS COMMON CURRICULUM

## IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Must be Honors sections; not every section of the same course is Honors
- AP/IB/transfer credit cannot be used to fulfill this requirement
- AI: Society and SI: Society are generally done in your first two years
- ASEM is generally done in your last two years

## honors common curriculum

*Three courses with the Honors attribute from the following options: <sup>b c</sup>*



*Analytical Inquiry: Society & Culture (AISC)*

*Scientific Inquiry: Society & Culture (SISC)*

*Honors Advanced Seminar (ASEM)*

*One from each category is recommended, but any combination will suffice.*

## honors seminar

- HNRS 2400
- HNRS 2400

*Topics vary each quarter*

# HONORS SEMINARS

Each 2 credits and topics vary broadly. If you see one that interests you, has space, and fits in your schedule--grab it! If not, it's fine to wait. These can be taken at any point during your time at DU.

e.g.

**Native Plants in Urban & Suburban Ecosystems**

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**Poetry as Activism**

**Cervantes & the Canon**

**Migration & Diaspora Narratives**

**Human Population: Sustainability & Social Justice**

**Chance Encounters: Statistics in Everyday Life**



## **gpa**

- 3.5+ cumulative GPA by graduation

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## **distinction**

- Earn Distinction in one major, per departmental standards <sup>d</sup>
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# **GPA & DISTINCTION**

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## **GPA**

Must meet benchmarks to stay on track to earn a 3.5 cumulative GPA by graduation.

## **Distinction in Major**

Must earn Distinction in one of your majors, which usually involves a capstone project, like a thesis, portfolio, recital, etc.

# OPTIONAL HONORS COURSE

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## more info

- Not your HS geography!
- Taught by a different professor each quarter
- Focus on sustainability, weather, soil science, etc.
- STEM majors/minors should **not** take this, unless doing environmental science

## honors science

*highly recommended, not required*

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View  
2024-2025  
Spreadsheet



# COURSE SPREADSHEET

*Annual spreadsheet of Honors courses. Each term has its own tab. Information is updated as needed. Best way to view all Honors courses happening in a given term.*

Attribute	Time	Course #	Course Name	CRN
AISC	MW 4-5:50	ITAL 2201	Italy: Modern History & Culture	5103
AISC	MW 12-1:50	PHIL 2260	Philosophical Approaches to Perception & Reality	2924
SISC	TR 2-3:50	GEOG 2511	Principles of Sustainability	2373
SISC	TBD	INTS 1700	Introduction to International Politics	4912



Here's how to double check!

## Spreadsheet?

*Does the CRN (4-digit number unique to a specific section of a specific course) match the Honors spreadsheet?*

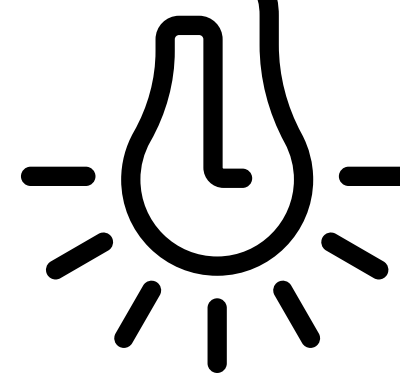
## Attribute?

*In the course details, classes are tagged with "attributes." Check for the "Honors" tag.*

## Degree Audit?

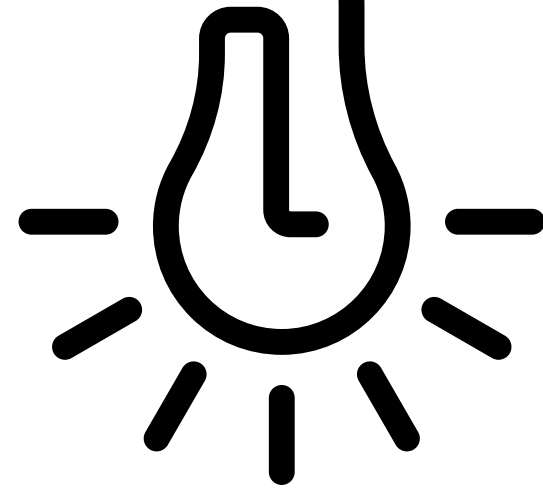
*If you've registered, does the course appear in the Honors block of your degree audit?*

# IS IT AN HONORS SECTION?



### QUICK TIP:

*Other than WRIT classes, only **one** section of a given class will be Honors.*



# ADVISING TIPS



When searching for classes in the registration system, do **not** use multiple filters at once--you'll get classes that meet **any** of the criteria selected, not **all**.

Try to get your AI: Society or SI: Society done early, or save those requirements for when you have space in your schedule to take them as Honors.

Stay in touch with Honors! Read your emailed newsletter, reference our courses spreadsheet, and talk to us if you have questions or a complicated situation.



# GET IN TOUCH

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