



University Honors Program Requirements Part I: Requirements Overview

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Honors Requirements + Common Curriculum

First-Year Seminar	4 credits
Writing and Rhetoric (WRIT 1122 & WRIT 1133)	8 credits
Language	4-12 credits
Ways of Knowing: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Analytical Inquiry: The Natural and Physical World (AI: Natural)▪ Analytical Inquiry: Society and Culture (AI: Society)▪ Scientific Inquiry: The Natural and Physical World (SI: Natural)▪ Scientific Inquiry: Society and Culture (SI: Society)	32 credits
Advanced Seminar	4 credits
Total Credits	52-60 credits



honors checklist

honors writing

- ☐ WRIT 1622:
Advanced Rhetoric & Writing^a
- ☐ WRIT 1733:
Honors Writing^a

honors analytical inquiry: society & culture

- ☐ Any one Analytical Inquiry:
Society & Culture course (AISC)
with Honors attribute^b

honors scientific inquiry: society & culture

- ☐ Any one Scientific Inquiry:
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honors seminars

Any two HNRS 2400 courses;
topics vary each quarter^c

- ☐ HNRS 2400
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honors scientific inquiry: natural & physical world

Non-majors/minors in science,
choose one sequence^d:

Honors Geography:
GEOG 1264, 1265, & 1266 or
Honors Biology:
BIOL 1270, 1271, 1272



Majors/minors in science,
choose one sequence^d:

or

BIOL 1010, 1011, & (2010/2120) or
CHEM 1010, 1020, & 2131 or
PHYS 1111, 1112, 1113 or
PHYS 1211, 1212, 1213

honors advanced seminar

- ☐ Any one Advanced Seminar
(ASEM) course with Honors
attribute^b

distinction & GPA

- ☐ Earn distinction in one major,
per that department's standards
- ☐ 3.5+ cumulative GPA

Honors Checklist

This is the format you'll see us using for Honors requirements. We'll refer to these at quarterly drop-in advising and advising appointments. This is also available on our website.

Writing & Rhetoric

- Honors has its own Writing & Rhetoric courses that meet both Honors & Common Curriculum requirements.
- Do **not** take WRIT 1122 or WRIT 1133.
- WRIT 1622 offered only in winter
- WRIT 1733 offered only in spring
- Take these in your first year

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First-Year Seminar

Writing and Rhetoric (~~WRIT 1122 & WRIT 1133~~)

WRIT 1622 & WRIT 1733

Language



AI: Society & SI: Society

- Common Curriculum requires two in each category. Only **one** in each category must be Honors.
- Can take both as Honors if desired.
- Double counts for Honors & Common Curriculum requirements
- Can triple count if the course is part of major/minor requirements
- Example: PPOL 1910 counts for public policy major, Honors SI: Society, & Common Curriculum SI: Society.

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SI: Natural

Intended science majors/minors:

- Any of these sequences will fulfill Honors SI: Natural:
 - BIOL 1010, 1011, & 2010/2120
 - CHEM 1010, 1020, & 2131
 - PHYS 1111, 1112, & 1113
 - PHYS 1211, 1212, & 1213/1214
- These are not Honors-specific sections

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SI: Natural

Non-science majors/minors:

- Choose one of two Honors SI: Natural sequences:
 - Honors Biology: Living in the Microbial World (BIOL 1270, 1271, & 1272)
 - Honors Geography: Global Environmental Change (GEOG 1264, 1265, & 1266)
- Sequences start fall quarter
- Not advisable if you think you might major/minor in a science.

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Advanced Seminar (ASEM)

- Must be taken as a junior/senior
- Honors sections available each quarter
- Double counts for Honors and Common Curriculum requirements

honors advanced seminar

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- Scientific Inquiry: The Natural and Physical World (SI: Natural)
- Scientific Inquiry: Society and Culture (SI: Society)

Advanced Seminar

Total Credits



Honors Seminars (HSEM)

- Must take two HNRS 2400 courses (2 credits each; 4 credits total)
- Interdisciplinary seminars about special topics
- Topics vary each quarter, with popular classes offered annually.
- New this year: Most HNRS 2400 options are open to all class years, instead of being restricted to juniors/seniors as in past years

honors seminars

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Distinction in the Major

- Must earn distinction in one major, per that department's distinction standards
- Distinction standards vary greatly by department
- Most require writing a thesis or creating some type of culminating project (portfolio, recital, etc.)
- May or may not require additional coursework, such as a research course or distinction preparation class
- Requirements for each department listed in Bulletin
- Recommend that students begin discussing distinction standards with their faculty advisor two years prior to anticipated graduation



GPA

- Honors Program requires a 3.5 cumulative GPA at graduation.
- It's okay if you temporarily fall below a 3.5 cumulative GPA, as long as you could still achieve a 3.5 by graduation.
- Cumulative vs. Quarter GPA
- No weighted GPAs in college
- Transfer credits don't affect GPA



Graduate with Honors

- Completing all Honors requirements = Graduating with University Honors
- University Honors & Departmental Distinction recognized on official transcript & graduation program
- “Latin Honors” (cum laude, magna cum laude, summa cum laude) awarded to GPAs 3.75+.



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Priority Registration

- Incoming students register in July
- Honors students register before anyone else in their academic year
- Provides better selection of courses, professors, and class times



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Honors Advising Resources



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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 If scheduling prevents meeting this requirement with an Honors course, student may propose an "H contract," designed in collaboration with the instructor of a "regular" section of AISC/SISC/ASEM. Requires approval from Program Director, Program Manager, and/or Honors Council.

^c May substitute an extra Honors ASEM in place of two HNRS 2400
^d If a student brings in transfer credit upon entering program and the University determines that those classes count towards SINP, they will apply towards the required 12 credits for Honors. Any remaining credits needed should be taken from one of the Honors-approved options listed here. If student's major exempts them from part of the SINP requirement, we will not require any additional SINP beyond what is required for the major.

Term	Attribute	Time	Course #	Course Name	CRN	Instructor	Course Description
Autumn 2022	AISC	T/TH 10:00-11:50	MUAC 1012	Music, Society, and Culture	3861	Whitmore, Aleya	This course introduces students to the music of a variety of world areas. For each unit, students examine a diverse array of genres, analyzing music's relationship to religious life, aesthetics, politics, social organization, and identity. We also discuss the impact of globalization, transnationalism and immigration on the shaping and transformation of musical practice and meaning in each region. Reading materials, listening assignments, and discussion topics are supplemented by in-class performance workshops, designed to give students firsthand experience in non-Western performance traditions. This course counts toward the Analytical Inquiry: Society and Culture requirement.
Autumn 2022	SISC	T/TH 2:00-3:50	ECON 1020	Economics: A Critical Introduction	1008	Urquhart, Robert	The course gives students a critical understanding of basic economic concepts, showing the importance of differences in the understanding of these concepts by different economic theories: the theories differ both in their view of the economy and its place in society; and in the potential impact of their policy recommendations on different individuals and social groups. The course begins with the immediate experience of life in the "new economy"; and then frames a critical analysis of this experience, drawing out three themes: the relation of the economy to public and private life; inequality and discrimination; globalization. The critical framework calls for a historical dimension: how did we get here? It also points to a defining feature not only of the "new economy", but of the modern, capitalist economy since its origins: capitalism generates periodic crises within itself. The most obvious crisis is the "economic" one, but equally important are the crises of inequality and discrimination, and of environmental sustainability. The course concludes by considering what kind of economic order, what agents and institutions, would be required to transform capitalism into a socially and ecologically sustainable system. This course counts toward the Scientific Inquiry: Society and Culture requirement.
Autumn 2022	SISC	T/F 2:00-3:50	INTS 1700	Introduction to International Politics	4912	Tennis, Kate	This course critically examines the nature of contemporary global society. It is designed to familiarize students with the broad parameters of international politics and takes into account numerous methodological and theoretical perspectives. The course explores both the historical development of international politics and how the business of international politics is "done." The course examines issues such as war and peace, human security, the politics of climate change, and international human rights. The overall goal of this course is to introduce students to the field of International Politics and to make them conversant about the major issues facing the global system in the 21st century.
Autumn 2022	HSEM	W 12:00-1:50	HNRS 2400	Native Plants in Urban and Suburban Ecosystems (open to all class years)	1345	Sciarcon, Jonathan	This seminar is designed to introduce students to the role native plants play in urban and suburban ecosystems, especially in residential and non-residential landscapes. We will examine scholarly literature on the history of ecological thought related to land stewardship and literature on the importance of native flora to urban and suburban ecosystems. This is very much an interdisciplinary seminar grounded in the Environmental Humanities. We will also discuss political barriers to urban and suburban ecosystem change/restoration and the role native plants and resilient urban and suburban ecosystems can play in ameliorating social justice related challenges. The guiding question in this course is: What role do native plants play in creating sustainable and resilient urban and suburban ecosystems in the 21st century? While much of the focus will be on Front Range (Denver metro area) ecosystems, we will also discuss different urban and suburban ecosystems across parts of North America.
Autumn 2022	HSEM	M 4:00-5:50	HNRS 2400	Migration and Diaspora Narratives (open to all class years)	2435	Nwosu, Maik	This course combines fiction and film from India, South Africa, and Japan with readings in sociological and other theories of globalization. We focus on the impact of globalization on cultural texts, examining how they deal with postcolonial identity, the morally ambiguous effects of Westernization and modernization, and the way cultural hybridity complicates nationalism and internationalism.
Autumn 2022	HSEM	F 10:00-11:50	HNRS 2400	Extreme Academics (open to all class years)	2566	Tennis, Kate	How do you make the most of your experience at DU? How do you set yourself up for success after graduation? This course will bring in speakers from across campus to help you learn about opportunities and give you tools to tell your own story so that you can get the grants, awards, jobs, or other opportunities that you have your eye on. In addition to attendance at weekly lectures, students will be asked to set up an informational interview with someone in their field, attend a workshop relevant to their interests, and write a grant proposal, personal statement, or cover letter for an opportunity that they are interested in.

du.edu/honors → Honors checklist & quarterly course offerings

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AP/IB/Transfer Credit

- “External credit” = AP, IB, and/or transfer credits from another college can be used to fulfill some Honors requirements
- We go through these policies in detail in a separate video.



Degree Audit

Honors Requirements

INCOMPLETE

Credits applied: 25

	Course	Title	Grade	Credits	Term	Repeated
①	CORE COURSES					
✓	Advanced Writing	WRIT 1622	Advanced Rhetoric and Writing	A	4	Winter Quarter 2022
①	Honors Writing	WRIT 1733	Honors Writing	IP	(4)	Spring Quarter 2022
✓	ANALYTICAL INQUIRY: SOCIETY & CULTURE (AISC)					
✓	Arts and Humanities-Honors	MUAC 1012	Hnrs: Music, Society & Culture	A	4	Autumn Quarter 2021
✓	SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY: SOCIETY & CULTURE (SISC)					
✓	Social Sciences-Honors	ECON 1020	Honors: Econ: A Critical Intro	A	4	Autumn Quarter 2021
①	SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY: NATURAL & PHYSICAL WORLD (SINP)					
①	General Chemistry I	CHEM 1010	AP Chemistry	TR	3	Autumn Quarter 2021
	Satisfied by: APCHEM4 - AP Chemistry - Advanced Placement					
	CHEM 1020	General Chemistry II	A	3	Winter Quarter 2022	
	CHEM 2131	Chemistry of the Elements	IP	(3)	Spring Quarter 2022	
○	Honors Seminar-HONORS SEMINARS (HSEM)					
	Still needed:					
	Students need to take two courses in HNRS 2400					
○	HONORS ADVANCED SEMINAR (ASEM)					
	Still needed:					

- Honors section in degree audit
- Most things populate automatically
- Some things require us to enter a substitution manually, like mix & match SI: Natural or WRIT 1733 waived with external credit
- Contact us for any issues with the Honors degree audit block

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Drop-in Virtual Advising

- Kate & Kira will be available via Zoom for drop-in Honors advising
- Registration begins on Monday, July 25
- Drop-in virtual advising sessions in July; dates/times TBA via email
- We only advise on Honors requirements. Your general academic advisor will address questions about Common Curriculum outside Honors, major/minor requirements, etc.





Questions?

Attend drop-in advising or email us at honors@du.edu.
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