

Honors Program Curriculum Process

A college-wide process for the approval of all honors course offerings through the Honors Program Curriculum Committee has been in existence for over a decade. Several types of course offerings are offered through the program and there are specific proposal forms for each type. Honors sections and honors modules for general education courses use one form. These courses are listed in the schedule with a suffix indicating honors after the course number. Honors modules are always attached to a regular course section and cannot be offered if the course section does not run. Independent Study courses, Honors internships, and special honors classes are offered with the HONR discipline designator and all use a different proposal form. All courses within the honors program have a research and writing component and the guidelines in the proposal forms outline honors standards. All honors proposals are reviewed by the discipline department chairs and the discipline dean before going to the Honors Curriculum Committee which includes the campus Honors Coordinators, the College-wide Honors Chair, and Directors of the special Honors Programs – Macklin, Montgomery and Renaissance Scholars. In addition, Teaching in Honors Workshops are offered at the start of every semester to reinforce the guidelines of what constitutes honors work and to help faculty interested in teaching in the program. Additional support is provided by the campus honors coordinators and the Honors chair to faculty developing new course offerings in the program. Once a course has been approved it can be offered by other faculty within the discipline.