



Honors Program
COLLEGE OF LETTERS & SCIENCE
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Spring 2026 Automatic Honors Sections

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This document can help you identify Automatic Honors sections (Honors Only and Accelerated Honors) as you prepare to enroll in the upcoming term. Please note the following:

- To earn Honors credit from an Automatic Honors course, you must enroll in a/the section designated as "Honors Only" or "Accelerated Honors." Some Automatic Honors sections are seminars, and others are discussion sections/labs of a course that also has non-Honors sections.
- Course descriptions and instructor provided content (when available) in the [Course Search & Enroll app](#) will help you learn more about the courses. Some departments have additional course descriptions on their department website.
- Please verify offerings and section-specific information in [Course Search & Enroll](#) before finalizing your schedule. Information provided in this document is subject to change as departments finalize their course offerings.
- This list does not include the many courses offered with Honors Optional enrollment. [Learn more about ways to earn Honors credit.](#)
- Use the [Honors in the Liberal Arts Degree Progress Self-Check](#) to identify remaining HLA requirements and how they fit within your degree.
- We encourage you to meet with an Honors advisor each semester to get support with your degree plan and navigating your undergraduate experience. [Learn more about Honors advising.](#)

Honors in the Liberal Arts Degree Requirements

- Completion of general L&S degree requirements for chosen degree (typically B.A. or B.S.)
- Cumulative GPA of at least 3.300
- Completion of at least 24 credits of Honors courses in LAS-credit courses, with a grade of B or better in each course, and the following sub-requirements:
 - **15 credits of Automatic Honors courses (Honors Only or Accelerated Honors)**
 - 6 credits of Honors in the Humanities breadth area (literature or humanities)
 - 6 credits of Honors in the Social Sciences breadth area
 - 6 credits of Honors in the Natural Sciences breadth area (biological, physical, or natural science)

Honors in the Major Degree Requirements

- Consult the relevant major-specific requirements in [Guide](#) and your major advisor
- Senior Honors Thesis courses award Auto Honors credit and require the consent of the instructor. Thesis credits do not offer breadth credit.

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Literature Breadth

<i>Subject listing</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>Course Title</i>	<i>Instructor</i>	<i>Section Info</i>	<i>Honors Type</i>	<i>Credits, Gen Ed</i>	<i>Prerequisites</i>
English	169	Modern American Literature [Lit as Equipment for Living]	Anja Jovic-Humphrey	LEC 001 with DIS 316	Honors Only	3	None
English	182	Intro to Literature for Honors [Doing Time: Race-Labor-Incarceration]	Ingrid Diran	SEM 001	Honors Only	3	None
English	182	Intro to Literature for Honors [Satire and the Politics of Laughter]	Kristina Huang	SEM 002	Honors Only	3	None
African	201	Intro to African Literature	Matthew Brown	LEC 001 with DIS 305	Honors Only	3, Comm B	None
Classics	270	Classical Mythology	Jeffrey Beneker	LEC 001 with DIS 309	Honors only	3	None; can't have taken Classics 370
Classics/Jewish/Relig St Littrans	323	Bible and Film: Literature and Media	Jeremy Hutton	LEC 001 with DIS 307	Honors Only	3, Comm B	Sophomore standing
	410	The Grand Tour and the Romantic Myth of Italy	Ernesto Livorni	LEC 003	Honors Only	3	Sophomore standing

Literature breadth sections for specific majors or with specialized requisites

German	285	Intermediate Intensive German: Language, Culture, Texts	Melissa Sheedy	LEC 001	Accelerated Honors	6	German 204; No German 258/262
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Humanities Breadth

<i>Subject listing</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>Course Title</i>	<i>Instructor</i>	<i>Section Info</i>	<i>Honors Type</i>	<i>Credits, Gen Ed</i>	<i>Prerequisites</i>
Art Hist/Relig St Poli Sci	115	Religion and Art	Thomas Dale	LEC 001 with DIS 310	Honors Only	3	None
	160	Intro to Political Theory	Daniel Kapust	LEC 001 with DIS 301	Honors Only	4	None
African	202	Intro African Cultural Studies [Stylin' and Profilin': from Lagos to Los Angeles]	Jacqueline- Bethel Mougoue	LEC 003	Honors Only	3	None
Asian/ Relig St	236	Asia Enchanted	Rania Huntington	LEC 001 with DIS 306	Honors Only	3, Comm B	None
English	307	Creative Writing: Fiction and Poetry Workshop	Various	All sections	Accelerated Honors	3, Comm B	Junior standing or Engl 207

Humanities breadth sections for specific majors or with specialized requisites

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English	408, 409	Creative Writing Workshops (various topics)	Various	All sections	Accelerated Honors	3	See specific course
English	200	Writing Studio [Senior Honors Thesis Writing Studio]	Emily Hall	SEM 002	Honors Only	1	Concurrent enrollment in senior Honors thesis for any L&S major and completion of interest form available from Honors Program. Not repeatable for credit.

Either Humanities or Social Science Breadth

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Linguistics	213	Topics in Sociolinguistics: Language Emergence	Laura Horton	LEC 002	Honors Only	3	None
Art Hist/Envir St/Geog/Hist/Land Art	239	Making the American Landscape	Anna Andrzejewski	LEC 001 with DIS 310	Honors Only	4, Ethnic studies	None
Asian/Asian Am/Hist	246	Southeast Asian Refugees of the Cold War	Michael Cullinane	LEC 001 with DIS 305	Honors Only	4, Ethnic studies	None

Either humanities or social science breadth sections for specific majors or with specialized requisites

History	600	Advanced Seminar in History (Various Topics including Soviet History through Memoirs, CIA's Covert Wars & US Foreign Policy, US History through Banned Books, Law & the Sacred, and Indigeneity under U.S. Empire)	Various	All sections	Accelerated Honors	3	History 201 or History of Science 211. See Hist Dept website for instructions to enroll.
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Social Science Sections

<i>Subject listing</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>Course Title</i>	<i>Instructor</i>	<i>Section Info</i>	<i>Honors Type</i>	<i>Credits, Gen Ed</i>	<i>Prerequisites</i>
Journalism	176	Special Topics in Mass Comm [History of Women in U.S. Media]	Kathryn McGarr	LEC 015	Honors Only	3	None
Sociology	181	The Sociological Enterprise	Frankie Frank	LEC 001	Honors Only	3, Comm B	Com A satisfied; no Soc 210/211
Psychology	202	Introduction to Psychology	Chelsea Andrews	LEC 005	Honors Only	4	None

Political Science	343	Theories of International Security	Arthur Mobley	LEC 001 with DIS 301	Honors Only	4	Poli Sci 140 or Intl St 101; Soph Standing
Political Science	359	American Foreign Policy	Jon Pevehouse	LEC 001 with DIS 301	Honors Only	4	Poli Sci 104, 140 or Intl St 101; Soph Standing
Psychology	405	Adult Psychopathology	Diane Gooding	LEC 002 with DIS 301	Honors Only	4	Psych 202
Gen&WS/ Poli Sci	435	Politics of Gender and Women's Rights in the Middle East	Marwa Shalaby	LEC 001	Honors Only	3	Sophomore standing
American Indian St	450	Issues in American Indian Studies [Federal Indian Law]	Denise Wiyaka	LEC 001	Honors Only	3, Ethnic studies	Sophomore standing
Political Science	481	Race and Politics in the US	Benjamin Marquez	SEM 001	Honors Only	3, Ethnic Studies	Junior standing

Social science breadth sections for specific majors or with specialized requisites

Economics	312	Intermediate Macroecon Adv. Treatment	Simeon Alder	LEC 001	Accelerated Honors	3	Math 222, Econ 101 & 102 or 111; No 302
Psychology	502	Cognitive Development		LEC 001 with DIS 310	Honors Only	4	Psych 406, 413, 414, 460, 462, or 464

Either Social or Biological Science Breadth

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Either social or biological science breadth sections for specific majors or with specialized requisites							
Psychology	513	Hormones, Brain, and Behavior	Catherine Marler	LEC 001 with DIS 313	Honors Only	4	Psych 406, 413, 414, 449, 450, 454, or 523

Biological Science Breadth

<i>Subject listing</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>Course Title</i>	<i>Instructor</i>	<i>Section Info</i>	<i>Honors Type</i>	<i>Credits, Gen Ed</i>	<i>Prerequisites</i>
Psychology	406	Psychology of Perception	Vivian Paulun	LEC 002 with DIS 301	Honors Only	4	Psych 202 or Intro Bio

Biological science breadth sections for specific majors or with specialized requisites

Biocore	383/384	Cellular Biology / Cellular Biology Lab	All	All sections	Honors Only	2-3	Admission to Biocore program; Biocore 381
Psychology	454	Behavioral Neuroscience	Yuri Saalman	LEC 002 with DIS 301	Honors Only	4	Psych 202, (Zoo 101 & 102), Zoo 151, or (Biocore 381 & 382)
Psychology	505	Depth Topic in Bio Science [Learning and Decision-Making]	Ali Mohebi	LEC 001 with DIS 307	Honors Only	4	Psych 202, Intro Bio, and Psych 414/449/454
Biocore	587	Biological Interactions	All	All sections	Honors Only	3	Admission to Biocore program; Biocore 485

Physical Science Breadth

<i>Subject listing</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>Course Title</i>	<i>Instructor</i>	<i>Section Info</i>	<i>Honors Type</i>	<i>Credits, Gen Ed</i>	<i>Prerequisites</i>
Atmos & Oceanic Sci	101	Weather and Climate	Jonathan Martin	LEC 001 with DIS 305	Honors Only	4	No Atm Ocn 100
Envir St/ GeoSci	106	Environmental Geology	Michael Cardiff	LEC 001 with DIS 316	Honors Only	3	No GeoSci 100

Physical science breadth sections for specific majors or with specialized requisites

Chemistry	116	Chemical Principles II		All sections	Accelerated Honors	5	Chem 115
Physics	247/248/249	Modern Intro to Physics I-III		All sections	Accelerated Honors	5 (247-248), 4 (249)	See Course Search & Enroll
Chemistry	329	Fundamentals of Analytical Science		All sections	Accelerated Honors	4	Chem 104 or 109. No Chem 327

Chemistry	345	Organic Chemistry II		LEC 004 with DIS 461/462/463/ 464	Accelerated Honors	3	Honors Chem 343
Chemistry	511	Advanced Inorganic Chemistry		All sections	Accelerated Honors	3	Chem 345 or concurrent enrollment and Jr Standing
Chemistry	524	Chemical Instrumentation		All sections	Accelerated Honors	3	See Course Search & Enroll
Chemistry	561/ 562/ 563/ 564/ 665	Physical Chemistry I/II and Biophysical Chemistry		All sections	Accelerated Honors	3	See Course Search & Enroll

Natural Science Breadth

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Gen & WS	103	Gender, Women, Bodies, and Health	Cabell Gathman	LEC 002	Honors Only	3	None

Natural science breadth sections for specific majors or with specialized requisites

Math	320	Linear Algebra & Differential Equations		LEC 001 with DIS 392	Accelerated Honors	3	Math 222
Math	321	Applied Mathematical Analysis	Sean Paul	All sections	Accelerated Honors	3	MATH 376 or (234 & Linear Algebra)
Math	341	Linear Algebra	Cassandra Williams	All sections	Accelerated Honors	3	Math 234
Math	376	Topics in Multi-Variable Calculus and Differential Equations		All sections	Accelerated Honors	5	Math 375

No Breadth

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French	105	Accelerated Introductory French		LEC 001	Accelerated Honors	4	No French 102
Italian	201	Accelerated First Year Italian		LEC 001	Accelerated Honors	4	No Italian 102
Political Science	401	Selected Topics: Political Communication	Andrew Trexler	SEM 001	Honors Only	3	Sophomore standing
History	500	Reading Seminar in History (Various topics including sports, Chinese history, gender, and nuclear America)	Various	SEM 001-007	Accelerated Honors	3	History 201 or Junior Standing
No-breadth sections for specific majors or with specialized requisites							
Sociology	362	Statistics for Sociologists III		All sections	Accelerated Honors	4	Soc/C&E Soc 361, Econ 400, Econ 410, or Stat/Math 309
Anthropology	490	Undergraduate Seminar [Architecture of Japanese Archipelago]	Fumie Iizuka	SEM 001	Accelerated Honors	3	Junior standing & declared in the Anthropology major or Archaeology certificate
Economics	580	Honors-Research Project Design	Simeon Alder	LEC 001	Accelerated Honors	3, Comm B	Econ 301/311 & 302/312 & 410
History	601	Historical Publishing Practicum	Elizabeth Lapina	SEM 001	Accelerated Honors	3	Consent of instructor
Gender & WS	640	Capstone Seminar in Gen&WS	Finn Enke	LEC 001	Accelerated Honors	3	Consent of instructor
Molecular Biology	686	Sr Honors Sem in Molec Biology	William Bement	SEM 001	Honors Only	1	Senior standing
C&E Soc/ Sociology	693	Practicum in Analysis & Research	Christine Schwartz	All sections	Accelerated Honors	3	Soc Major with CAR; Soc 357/361

Selected Course Descriptions

Below are course descriptions for several of the upcoming semester's Honors Only courses. When searching in the Course Search & Enroll tool, you can find descriptions and helpful information for many courses by clicking **"Instructor provided content,"** if available, at either the course level or in the section information.

African 202: Intro Topics in African Cultural Studies: Stylin' and Profilin'

Find out why your morning dress rituals are anything but mundane! This course uses fashion, the popular styles of dress and ornament at a specific historical period, as a useful tool to examine issues of culture, politics, economics, and gendered power across Africa and the diaspora from the late 1800s to the present. One key question will guide this course: how have (changing) African fashion trends reflected local concerns and anxieties among women, men, youth, and marginalized individuals, past and present? This interdisciplinary class will use diverse materials, including documentaries and social media. We will also participate in a workshop with a class visit to the on-campus textile museum, allowing for hands-on learning with various African fabrics and textiles to connect classroom knowledge to the real world.

Art History/Envir St/Geog/Hist/Landscape Architecture 239: Making the American Landscape

This course seeks to understand why the American landscape looks the way it does. We'll discuss everything from highways to front yards to farms to coal mines, and consider the ways in which what we see has been shaped by different people and groups over time. Students in honors sections have the unique opportunity to visit archives and collections on campus with resources that teach us about the American landscape, including the Map Library in Science Hall; Special Collections at Memorial; the Geology Museum; the Archives at the Wisconsin Historical Society; and the UW Archives (for oral histories). Through these visits, you'll also have the opportunity to learn about internships and jobs in the fields of Cartography, Geography, Geology, Archives, and Museums.

Littrans 410: The Grand Tour and the Romantic Myth of Italy

Why are we still so interested in traveling to Italy and visiting all those artistic places that made cultural history? How did the trend of journeys to Italy develop? What kind of continuity may we appreciate today between that trend called Grand Tour and the academic programs that US universities and colleges promote in Italy? In this course we focus on the literary, artistic and cultural phenomenon of the Grand Tour that took place from the mid-eighteenth century to the end of the nineteenth century, when intellectuals and artists from Northern-European countries visited Italy and its attractive cities (Florence, Rome, Venice) and appreciated the remnants of the great past of that country, from the Roman Empire to the Renaissance. Furthermore, we explore the relationship between tourism, on the one hand, and culture (especially as literature), on the other, keeping in mind that the Grand Tourists aimed at absorbing as much as possible of that culture that was so far away both temporally and spatially.