



Fall 2025 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" and earn a B or better. Some Automatic Honors sections are seminar-style courses, and others are specific discussion sections/labs of a course that is 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.
- 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.](#)
- You can use the [Honors in the Liberal Arts Degree Progress Self-Check](#) to identify remaining Honors requirements and understand how they fit with other parts of your degree.
- We encourage students to meet with an Honors advisor each semester to get support with their degree plan and navigating their 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 3.3
- Completion of at least 24 credits of Honors 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 the [Guide](#) and your major advisor
- Senior Honors Thesis courses award Automatic Honors credit and require the consent of the instructor

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First-year Only Courses and Sections

The Honors Only or Accelerated Honors sections of the following courses are excluded from the sections below because they are only open to incoming first-year Honors students in Fall 2025:

- Religious Studies 102: Exploring Religion in Sickness and Health (LEC 002)
- Asian/Coun Psy/Ed Psy/Psych 120: The Art and Science of Human Flourishing (LEC 001 with DIS 303, LEC 002 with DIS 314)
- Biocore 181: Becoming a Scientist: Doing Biology Research
- Path-Bio/Path 210: HIV: Sex, Society and Science
- Philosophy 104: Death and Sex (LEC 001)
- Political Science 206: Introduction to Political Psychology
- Psychology 202: Introduction to Psychology (LEC 007)

Additionally, Honors sections of following courses are excluded, because these courses are most appropriate for first-semester students and may require permission or an application through the relevant department.

- Communication Arts 181 (Intended for Honors students who have not yet met Communication A requirement)
- Chemistry 109
- Chemistry 115
- Math 375

Literature Courses

<i>Department</i>	<i>Course #</i>	<i>Course Title</i>	<i>Instructor</i>	<i>Section Info</i>	<i>Honors Type</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Prerequisites</i>
Classics	270	Classical Mythology	Tara Mulder	LEC 001	Honors Only	3	No Classics 370
Classics	320	The Greeks (Comm B)	Jeffrey Beneker	LEC 001 with DIS 307	Honors Only	3	Comm A satisfied
English	182	Doing Time: Race-Labor-Incarceration	Ingrid Diran	SEM 001	Honors Only	3	None
English	182	Satire & Politics of Laughter	Kristina Huang	SEM 003	Honors Only	3	None
English	182	AI and the Idea of Writing	Ainehi Egoro	SEM 004	Honors Only	3	None

Humanities Courses

<i>Department</i>	<i>Course #</i>	<i>Course Title</i>	<i>Instructor</i>	<i>Section Info</i>	<i>Honors Type</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Prerequisites</i>
Art History	202	History of Western Art II	Anna Andrzejewsk	LEC 001 with DIS 310	Honors Only	4	None
English	307	Creative Writing: Fiction and Poetry Workshop (Comm B)	Various	All sections	Accelerated Honors	3	Junior standing or Engl 207
History	137	The History of War in Film	John Hall	LEC 001 with DIS 305	Accelerated Honors	3	None
History	154	Who is an American? (Ethnic Studies)	Stephen Kantrowitz	LEC 001 with DIS 313	Accelerated Honors	4	None
History	201	Weimar Rep. & Rise of Nazism (Comm B)	Brandon Bloch	LEC 001 with DIS 307	Honors Only	3	Comm A Satisfied; No HIST SCI 211
Music	151	Basic Concepts of Music Theory	Jaime Henke-Paustian	LEC 003	Honors Only	3	None
Slavic	285	Language and Worldview	David Danaher	SEM 001	Honors Only	3	None

Humanities courses for specific majors or with specialized requisites

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English	200	Writing Studio	Emily Hall	SEM 001	Honors Only	1	For senior Honors thesis writers. Must fill out interest form.
English	407-410, 508	Creative Writing Workshops	Various	All sections	Accelerated Honors	3	Previous Creative Writing course
English	403	Seminar on Tutoring Writing Across the Curriculum	Emily Hall	SEM 001-002	Accelerated Honors	3	Consent of Instructor (for Writing Fellows)
English/Media Studies	520	Old English	Martin Foys	LEC 001	Accelerated Honors	3	Sophomore Standing

Either Humanities or Social Science Courses

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Asian/Geog/Hist/Poli Sci/Soc	244	Introduction to Southeast Asia	Michael Cullinane	LEC 001 with DIS 305	Honors Only	4	None
ILS/Poli Sci	463	Deception and Politics	Daniel Kapust	LEC 001 with DIS 301	Honors Only	4	Sophomore Standing
Linguistics	213	Language Socialization	Laura Horton	LEC 001	Honors Only	3	None

Either humanities or social science courses for specific majors or with specialized requisites

History	600	Adv Seminar in Hist (Various Topics)	Various	All sections	Accelerated Honors	3	History 201 or Hist of Sci 211
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Social Science Courses

<i>Department</i>	<i>Course #</i>	<i>Course Title</i>	<i>Instructor</i>	<i>Section Info</i>	<i>Honors Type</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Prerequisites</i>
INTER-LS	215	Communicating About Careers (Comm B)	Jonathan Jibson	LEC 001 with DIS 307	Honors Only	3	Comm A Satisfied
Journalism	201	Intro to Mass Communication (Comm B)	Greg Downey	LEC 1 with DIS 301	Honors Only	4	Fresh, Soph, or Junior Standing Only
Political Science	182	Introduction to Comparative Politics (Honors) (Comm B)	Yoshiko Herrera	SEM 001	Honors Only	3	No Poli Sci 120
Psychology	414	Cognitive Psychology	Brad Postle	LEC 002 with DIS 301	Honors Only	4	Intro Psych or Bio
Psychology	460	Child Development	Pearl Han Li	LEC 002 with DIS 301	Honors Only	4	Psych 202
Sociology	125	American Society	Joseph Conti	LEC 001	Honors Only	3	None
Sociology	181	Honors Intro Seminar-The Sociological Enterprise (Comm B)	Mustafa Emirbayer	LEC 001	Honors Only	3	Comm A Satisfied; No Soc 210/211

Social science courses for specific majors or with specialized requisites

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Anthro	405	Intro to Museum Studies in Anthropology	Liz Leith	SEM 001	Accelerated Honors	3	Junior Standing
C&E Soc/Soc	475	Classical Sociological Theory	Robert Freeland	LEC 001	Accelerated Honors	3	Soph St or Soc 181, Soc 140/210/ 211
Economics	311	Intermediate Microeconomic Theory - Adv Treatment	Matteo Camboni	LEC 001	Accelerated Honors	3	Math 222; Econ 101/102 or 111; No Econ 301
Political Science	442	Honors Seminar on State-Building	Soeren Henn	SEM 001	Honors Only	3	QR A Satisfied; Junior Standing
Psychology	508	Psychology of Human Emotions	Paula Niedenthal	LEC 001 with DIS 310	Honors Only	4	Psych 403/428/ 453/456/460/ 462/464/522
Psychology	528	Cultural Psychology	Nick Buttrick	LEC 001 with DIS 310	Honors Only	4	PSYCH 403/406/ 413/414/456; No Psych 428

Biological Science Courses

<i>Department</i>	<i>Course #</i>	<i>Course Title</i>	<i>Instructor</i>	<i>Section Info</i>	<i>Honors Type</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Prerequisites</i>
Geoscience	110	Evolution and Extinction	Shanan Peters	LEC 001 with DIS 317 or 318	Honors Only	4	None
Psychology	449	Animal Behavior	Catherine Marler	LEC 002 with DISC 301	Honors Only	4	Intro Psych or Bio
Biological science courses for specific majors or with specialized requisites							
Biocore	381-382	Evolution, Ecology, & Genetics (Comm B)	Heidi Horn	All sections	Honors Only	3, 2	Declared in Biocore Certificate
Biocore	485-486	Principles of Physiology	Anna Kowalkowski	All sections	Honors Only	3, 2	Biocore 383
Psychology (Canceled)	505	Learning and Decision Making	Ali Mohebi	LEC 001 with DIS 307	Honors Only	4	(Intro Psych or Bio) and Psych 414, 449, or 454
Psychology	515	Animal Cognition	Stephen Ferrigno	LEC 001 with DIS 307	Honors Only	4	Psych 406, 414, 449, 450, 454, 460, 462, or 464; No Psych 505 with Animal Cognition topic

Physical Science Courses

<i>Department</i>	<i>Course #</i>	<i>Course Title</i>	<i>Instructor</i>	<i>Section Info</i>	<i>Honors Type</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Prerequisites</i>
Astron	236	History of Matter in the Universe (Comm B)	Sebastian Heinz	LEC 002	Honors Only	3	None
Physical science courses for specific majors or with specialized requisites							
Chemistry	329	Fundamentals of Analytical Science		All sections	Accelerated Honors	4	Chem 104 or 109; No 327
Chemistry	343	Organic Chemistry I		LEC 004	Accelerated Honors	3	Chem 104/109/116
Chemistry	547	Advanced Organic Chemistry		LEC 001	Accelerated Honors	3	Chem 345
Chemistry	561-564	Physical Chemistry, Lab	Various	All sections	Accelerated Honors	3, 1	See CS&E
Chemistry	665	Biophysical Chemistry	Asim Alenaizan	LEC 001	Accelerated Honors	3	A Chem, Calc II, Physics
Physics	247-249	Modern Intro to Physics I-III		All sections	Accelerated Honors	5 (4 for 249)	See Course Search & Enroll

Natural Science Courses

<i>Department</i>	<i>Course #</i>	<i>Course Title</i>	<i>Instructor</i>	<i>Section Info</i>	<i>Honors Type</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Prerequisites</i>
Gen & WS	103	Gender, Women, Bodies, & Health		LEC 002	Honors Only	3	None

Natural science courses for specific majors or with specialized requisites

Computer Science	577	Intro to Algorithms	Dieter Van Melkebeek	LEC 003 with DIS 331	Accelerated Honors	4	Comp Sci/Math 240 or Comp Sci/Math/Stat 475; Comp Sci 367 or 400; See section information in CS&E for how to request permission to enroll
Math	321	Applied Mathematical Analysis	Fabian Waleffe	LEC 001	Accelerated Honors	3	MATH 376 or 234 & Linear Algebra; This course is primarily intended for Engineering, AMEP, and some Physics majors
Math	341	Linear Algebra	Various	All sections	Accelerated Honors	3	Math 234

No Breadth Courses

<i>Department</i>	<i>Course #</i>	<i>Course Title</i>	<i>Instructor</i>	<i>Section Info</i>	<i>Honors Type</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Prerequisites</i>
History	500	Advanced Seminar in History (various topics)	Various	All sections	Accelerated Honors	3	History 201 or Junior Standing
Political Science	401	Economy and Political Behavior		SEM 002	Honors Only	3	Sophomore Standing
Political Science	401	Threats to Democracy		SEM 004	Honors Only	3	Sophomore Standing

No-breadth courses for specific majors or with specialized requisites

Anthropology	490	Undergraduate Seminar: Archaeology of Migration	Sarah Clayton	All sections	Accelerated Honors	3	Junior/Senior, Anthro Major
C&E Soc/Soc	361	Statistics for Sociologists II	Nicholas Mark	LAB 301-302	Accelerated Honors	4	Stat course
CS&D	481	Undergraduate Junior Honors (Comm B)		LEC 001	Honors Only	3	Satisfied Comm A
Gen & WS	640	Capstone Seminar	Jess Waggoner	LEC 001	Accelerated Honors	3	Consent of instructor
History of Science	555	Undergraduate Seminar: Green Colonialism in the Middle East	Daniel Williford	SEM 001	Accelerated Honors	3	History 201 or 3cr Hist Sci

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.

Art History 202: History of Western Art II: From Renaissance to Contemporary

The Honors Only section of Art History 202 will allow students a "deep dive" into humanities-oriented research as well as to humanities-oriented careers. The class will spend some of the sessions in collections on campus, including the study room at the Chazen, the archives at the Wisconsin Historical Society, and the School of Human Ecology Design Gallery. This gives you a chance to engage firsthand with works of art "behind the scenes" as well as meet curators and archivists. You can also enjoy special sessions with Kohler Art Library staff to learn the ins and outs of humanities research. Work one-on-one with the professor on a digital exhibit project on a topic of your choosing, which can be linked to your major or personal interests. There is also the possibility of optional field trips to MMoCA and the Chicago Art Institute.

Astronomy 236: The History of Matter in the Universe

The History of Matter in the Universe explores the evolution of element distribution over 14 billion years, tracing it from the Big Bang to the current composition of habitable planets like Earth. This multidisciplinary study emphasizes connections between astronomy, geology, and chemistry, utilizing scientific journals and popular press readings to allow us to engage with the material on multiple levels. The course offers insights into the non-linear nature of the scientific process, involving flashes of insight, brilliant deductions, clever observations, and just plain good luck. Additionally, it delves into various forms of scientific writing, aiming to enhance students' communication skills. The ultimate goal is to leave participants as better writers and communicators, equipped to distill complex information into a concise and approachable forms.

The target audience is students with an interest in the Universe and the world around them and are ready to write and revise. There are no prerequisites and students are not expected to have a scientific background. (Students majoring in astronomy are encouraged to take more quantitative astronomy offerings such as Astro 200.)

Linguistics 213: Language Socialization

Children learning language are faced with an immensely difficult task. They need to figure out the rules of their native language, but they are also expected to know what kinds of things are appropriate to say or sign in different contexts. How to interact with different conversation partners, and how to interpret diverse communicative practices. This course will cover the primary theoretical and methodological approaches in the field of language socialization and read case studies from economically and culturally diverse samples in the U.S. and internationally. Topics to be discussed include: variation in language input cross-culturally, beliefs about how children acquire their native language(s), ideologies about communicative competence and who is recognized as a proficient speaker/signer, as well as critiques and current trends in the study of language socialization.

Political Science 442: Honors Seminar on State-Building

Why do some states thrive while others struggle to govern effectively? In this honors seminar, you'll explore the forces that shape the formation, stability, and influence of states across history and around the globe. Through case studies and interactive simulations, you'll dive into key issues such as war, economic development, environmental policy, and social movements, examining the state's role in both fostering and responding to these dynamics. Designed for students eager to delve deeper into political science, this course offers the chance to critically analyze theoretical frameworks, conduct original research, and engage in lively, student-led discussions. If you're passionate about understanding the complexities of governance, power, and social change—and applying that knowledge to real-world examples—this seminar is an ideal opportunity to challenge yourself and expand your perspective.