



Spring 2027 Automatic Honors Sections

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Purpose and use of this document

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:

- **Honors in the Liberal Arts requires that at least 15 of your 24+ Honors credits come from Automatic Honors coursework.**
 - 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** on your first completion of the course.
 - You can use the [Honors in the Liberal Arts Degree Progress Self-Check](#) to identify remaining HLA requirements and understand how they fit with other parts of your degree. Honors in the Major requirements vary by major.
- 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.
- Course descriptions and instructor provided content (when available) in the [Course Search & Enroll app](#) will help you learn more about the courses.
- This list does not include the many courses offered with Honors Optional enrollment. [Learn more about ways to earn Honors credit.](#)
- 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.](#)

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Literature Breadth: No specialized requisites

- **English 169: Modern American Literature - Literature as Equipment for Living**
 - Honors Only Discussion Section: DIS 316
 - Credits: 3
 - Instructor: Anja Jovic-Humphrey
 - Requisites: None
- **English 182: Introduction to Literature for Honors - Doing Time: Race-Labor-Incarceration**
 - Honors Only Seminar: SEM 001
 - Credits: 3
 - Instructor: Ingrid Diran
 - Requisites: None
- **English 182: Introduction to Literature for Honors - Beowulf to Tolkien: The Medieval as Modern Fantasy**
 - Honors Only Seminar: SEM 002
 - Credits: 3
 - Instructor: Martin Foys
 - Requisites: None
- **African American Studies 227: Introduction to African American Literature**
 - Honors Only Discussion Section: DIS 304
 - Credits: 3
 - Instructor: Brittney Edmonds
 - Requisites: None
 - Additional information: Ethnic Studies
- **Classics 270: Classical Mythology**
 - Honors Only Discussion Section: DIS 309
 - Credits: 3
 - Instructor: Jeff Beneker
 - Requisites: None
- **Literature in Translation 410: The Grand Tour and the Romantic Myth of Italy**
 - Honors Only Seminar: LEC 002
 - Credits: 3
 - Instructor: Ernesto Livorni
 - Requisites: Sophomore standing

Literature Breadth: For specific majors or with specialized requisites

- **German 285: Intermediate Intensive (Honors) German: Language, Culture, Texts**
 - Accelerated Honors Seminar: LEC 001
 - Credits: 6
 - Instructor: Melissa Sheedy
 - Requisites: GERMAN 204. No GERMAN 258 or 262
 - Additional Information: Equivalent to GERMAN 258 and 262
- **English/Medieval Studies 521: Advanced Old English Literature**
 - Accelerated Honors Seminar: LEC 001
 - Credits: 3
 - Instructor: Jordan Zweck
 - Requisites: ENGL/MEDIEVAL 520

Humanities Breadth: No specialized requisites

- **Gender and Women's Studies 101: Gender, Women, and Cultural Representation**
 - Honors Only Seminar: LEC 001
 - Credits: 3
 - Instructor: Hanan Al Alawi
 - Requisites: None
- **Classics 103: Nature, Race, and Human Difference**
 - Honors Only Seminar: LEC 001
 - Credits: 3
 - Instructor: Katie Dennis
 - Requisites: None
- **Asian Language and Cultures/Religious Studies 236: Asia Enchanted: Ghosts, Gods, and Monsters**
 - Honors Only Discussion Section: DIS 306
 - Credits: 3
 - Instructor: Jamal Jones
 - Requisites: None
 - Additional Information: Communication B
- **English 307: Creative Writing: Fiction and Poetry Workshop**
 - Accelerated Honors Seminars: All sections
 - Credits: 3
 - Instructor: Various
 - Requisites: Junior standing or ENGL 207. Students may not be concurrently enrolled with ENGL 407, 408, 409, 410, 469, 508, 509, or 695.
 - Additional information: Communication B
- **Communication Arts 313: Topics in Film and Media Studies - Netflix's Streaming Revolution**
 - Honors Only Seminar: LEC 001
 - Credits: 3
 - Instructor: Jonathan Gray
 - Requisites: Sophomore standing

Humanities Breadth: For specific majors or with specialized requisites

- **English 200: Writing Studio**
 - Honors Only Seminar: SEM 002
 - Credits: 1
 - Instructor: Jennifer Conrad
 - Requisites: Consent of instructor. To express interest and have your eligibility verified, complete [the senior honors thesis writing studio interest form](#).
 - Additional information: Reserved for students who will be concurrently enrolled in senior Honors thesis credits. Not repeatable for credit, though we do encourage thesis writers who do not have departmental thesis seminars/colloquia courses available to consider taking this writing studio alongside both semesters of their thesis.
- **English 407, 408, 409, 410, 695: Creative Writing Workshops/Directed Creative Writing**
 - Accelerated Honors Seminars: All sections
 - Credits: 3
 - Instructor: Various
 - Requisites: See Course Search & Enroll.
 - Additional information: These courses are intended for students declared in the English: Creative Writing major.

Either Humanities or Social Science Breadth: No specialized requisites

- **Linguistics 213: Topics in Sociolinguistics - Language Emergence**
 - Honors Only Seminar: LEC 002
 - Credits: 3
 - Instructor: Laura Horton
 - Requisites: None
- **Science and Technology Studies 201: Introduction to STS (Where Science Meets Society)**
 - Honors Only Discussion Section: DIS 301
 - Credits: 3
 - Instructor: Daniel Williford
 - Requisites: Sophomore standing
- **ART HIST/ENVIR ST/GEOG/HIST/LAND ARC 239 – Making the American Landscape**
 - Honors Only Discussion Section: DIS 310
 - Credits: 4
 - Instructor: Anna Andrzejewski
 - Requisites: None
 - Additional information: Ethnic Studies

Either Humanities or Social Science Breadth: For specific majors or with specialized requisites

- **History 600: Advanced Seminar in History – Various Topics**
 - Accelerated Honors Seminars: All sections
 - Credits: 3
 - Instructor: Various
 - Requisites: HISTORY 201 or HIST SCI 211
 - Additional information: See [instructions from Department of History](#) on how to request permission to enroll in a particular section of History 600.

Social Science Breadth: No specialized requisites

- **Sociology 181: Honors Introductory Seminar-The Sociological Enterprise**
 - Honors Only Seminar: LEC 001
 - Credits: 3
 - Instructor: Mustafa Emirbayer
 - Requisites: Satisfied Communications A requirement. No SOC/C&E SOC 210 or 211.
 - Additional information: Communication B, counts as introductory sociology for pre-med
- **Sociology 196: Elementary Special Topics in Sociology - Inequality**
 - Honors Only Seminar: LEC 002
 - Credits: 3
 - Instructor: Nicholas Mark
 - Requisites: None
- **Psychology 202: Introduction to Psychology**
 - Honors Only Seminar: LEC 004
 - Credits: 4
 - Instructor: Chelsea Andrews
 - Requisites: None
- **Political Science 307: Political Behavior & Economy**
 - Honors Only Seminar: LEC 001
 - Credits: 3
 - Instructor: Katherine Cramer
 - Requisites: Sophomore standing
- **African American Studies/History 321: African American History Since 1900**
 - Honors Only Seminar: LEC 001
 - Credits: 3
 - Instructor: Sabrina Thomas
 - Requisites: Sophomore standing
 - Additional information: Ethnic Studies
- **Political Science 372: Political Violence**
 - Honors Only Seminar: LEC 001
 - Credits: 3
 - Instructor: Andres Uribe
 - Requisites: Sophomore standing
- **American Indian Studies/Legal Studies 480: Federal Indian Law and Policy**
 - Honors Only Seminar: LEC 001
 - Credits: 3
 - Instructor: Denise Wiyaka
 - Requisites: Sophomore standing

Social Science Breadth: For specific majors or with specialized requisites

- **Economics 312: Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory - Advanced Treatment**
 - Accelerated Honors Seminar: All sections
 - Credits: 3
 - Instructor: Simeon Alder
 - Requisites: MATH 222 and (ECON 101 and 102) or ECON 111. No ECON 302.
 - Additional information: This course is required for the Honors in the Major track of Economics
- **Political Science 343: Theories of International Security**
 - Honors Only Discussion Section: DIS 301
 - Credits: 4
 - Instructor: Scott Mobley
 - Requisites: Sophomore standing and (POLI SCI 140 or INTL ST 101)
- **Psychology 456: Social Psychology**
 - Honors Only Discussion Section: LEC 002+DIS 301
 - Credits: 4
 - Instructor: Tatum Jolink
 - Requisites: PSYCH 202. Enrollment may be initially restricted to declared Psychology majors.
- **Psychology 460: Child Development**
 - Honors Only Discussion Section: LEC 002+DIS 301
 - Credits: 4
 - Instructor: Jenny Saffran
 - Requisites: PSYCH 202. Enrollment may be initially restricted to declared Psychology majors.
- **Psychology 503: Social Development**
 - Honors Only Discussion Section: DIS 309
 - Credits: 4
 - Instructor: Ashley Jordan
 - Requisites: PSYCH 403, 414, 428, 449, 450, 456, 460, 462, or 464. Enrollment may be initially restricted to declared Psychology majors.

Either Social Science or Biological Science Breadth: No specialized requisites

- None for this semester.

Either Social Science or Biological Science Breadth: For specific majors or with specialized requisites

- **Psychology 513: Hormones, Brain, and Behavior**
 - Honors Only Discussion Section: DIS 309
 - Credits: 4
 - Instructor: Anthony Auger
 - Requisites: PSYCH 406, 413, 414, 449, 450, 454, or ZOOLOGY/PSYCH 523. Enrollment may be initially restricted to declared Psychology, Neurobiology, and Biology majors.

Biological Science Breadth: No specialized requisites

- None for this semester.

Biological Science Breadth: For specific majors or with specialized requisites

- **Biocore 383-384, 587**
 - Honors Only: All sections
 - Credits: Various
 - Instructor: Various
 - Requisites: See Course Search & Enroll. Reserved for students admitted into the Biocore Program.
- **Psychology 406: Psychology of Perception**
 - Honors Only Discussion Section: LEC 002+DIS 301
 - Credits: 4
 - Instructor: Rosa Lafer-Sousa
 - Requisites: PSYCH 202 or Intro Bio. Enrollment may be initially restricted to declared Psychology, Neurobiology, and Biology majors.
 - Additional information: Honors advisors encourage completing both PSYCH 202 and Intro Bio prior to enrollment in this course.
- **Psychology 454: Behavioral Neuroscience**
 - Honors Only Discussion Section: LEC 002+DIS 301
 - Credits: 4
 - Instructor: Yuri Saalman
 - Requisites: PSYCH 202 or Intro Bio. Enrollment may be initially restricted to declared Psychology, Neurobiology, and Biology majors.
 - Additional information: This Honors section is very likely to fill before the enrollment times for all those with junior standing have passed.
- **Psychology 505: Learning and Decision-Making**
 - Honors Only Discussion Section: DIS 305
 - Credits: 4
 - Instructor: Ali Mohebi
 - Requisites: Psych 414, 449, or 454. Enrollment may be initially restricted to declared Psychology majors.

Physical Science Breadth: No specialized requisites

- **Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences 101: Weather and Climate**
 - Honors Only Discussion Section: DIS 305
 - Credits: 4
 - Instructor: Jonathan Martin
 - Requisites: No ATM OCN 100
- **Geoscience/Environmental Studies 106: Environmental Geology**
 - Honors Only Discussion Section: DIS 316
 - Credits: 3
 - Instructor: Michael Cardiff
 - Requisites: No GEOSCI 100
- **Integrated Liberal Studies 153: Ways of Knowing in the Sciences**
 - Honors Only Discussion Section: DIS 301
 - Credits: 4
 - Instructor: Basil Tikoff
 - Requisites: None
 - Additional information: Not required, but very helpful to have QR A requirement complete prior to this course. Course takes students through some of the most meaningful scientific discoveries and controversies regarding the physical world!

Physical Science Breadth: For specific majors or with specialized requisites

- **Chemistry 116: Chemical Principles II**
 - Accelerated Honors: All sections
 - Credits: 5
 - Instructor: Various
 - Requisites: CHEM 115
 - Additional information: Accelerated general chemistry sequence; application required for Chem 115-116 sequence
- **Physics 247, 248, 249**
 - Accelerated Honors: All sections
 - Credits: Various
 - Instructor: Various
 - Requisites: See Course Search & Enroll.
 - Additional information: Accelerated, calculus-based introduction to physics intended for Physics, AMEP, and Astronomy-Physics majors
- **Chemistry 329: Fundamentals of Analytical Science**
 - Accelerated Honors: All sections
 - Credits: 4
 - Instructor: Various
 - Requisites: CHEM 104 or 109. Not open to students with credit for CHEM 327.
 - Additional information: The non-honors version of this course is CHEM 327.
- **Chemistry 345: Organic Chemistry II**
 - Accelerated Honors Lecture 004+Associated Discussion
 - Credits: 3
 - Instructor: Various
 - Requisites: CHEM 343 and invitation to Honors CHEM 345.
 - Additional information: For more information about Honors Organic Chemistry, you can contact the Undergraduate Chemistry Office at undergrad@chem.wisc.edu.
- **Chemistry 511: Advanced Inorganic Chemistry**
 - Accelerated Honors: LEC 001
 - Credits: 3
 - Instructor: TBA
 - Requisites: CHEM 345 or concurrent enrollment and junior standing
- **Chemistry 524, 561-564, 665: Chemical Instrumentation, Physical Chemistry I/II and Physical Chemistry Labs, Biophysical Chemistry**
 - Accelerated Honors: All sections
 - Credits: Various
 - Instructor: Various
 - Requisites: See Course Search & Enroll

Natural Science Breadth: No specialized requisites

- **Gender and Women's Studies 103: Gender, Women, Bodies, and Health**
 - Honors Only Seminar: LEC 002
 - Credits: 3
 - Instructor: Annie Menzel
 - Requisites: None

Natural Science Breadth: For specific majors or with specialized requisites

- **Mathematics 320: Linear Algebra and Differential Equations**
 - Accelerated Honors Discussion Sections: DIS 392-393
 - Credits: 3
 - Instructor: TBA
 - Requisites: MATH 222. No MATH 319, 340, 341, 345, or 375
 - Additional information: Generally intended for Engineering majors or other STEM majors with a specific need for this version of linear algebra. Please consult with major advisors if you need a linear algebra course.
- **Mathematics 321: Applied Mathematical Analysis 1: Vector and Complex Calculus**
 - Accelerated Honors: All sections
 - Credits: 3
 - Instructor: Sean Paul
 - Requisites: (MATH 234 and 320), (MATH 234, 319, and 340), (MATH 234, 319, and 345), (MATH 319 and 341), MATH 376
 - Additional information: Generally intended for Engineering majors or other STEM majors with a specific need for this course.
- **Mathematics 341: Linear Algebra**
 - Accelerated Honors: All sections
 - Credits: 3
 - Instructor: Various
 - Requisites: MATH 234. Not open to students with credit for MATH 375.
 - Additional information: Generally intended for math majors. Please consult with major advisors if you need a linear algebra course.
- **Mathematics 376: Topics in Multi-variable Calculus and Differential Equations**
 - Accelerated Honors: All sections
 - Credits: 5
 - Instructor: TBA
 - Requisites: MATH 375
 - Additional information: Application required for Math 375-376 sequence

No Breadth: No specialized requisites

- **French 105: Accelerated Introductory French**

- Accelerated Honors Seminar: Any section
- Credits: 4
- Instructor: TBA
- Requisites: Not open to students with credit for FRENCH 102.
- Additional information: Equivalent to the completion of both FRENCH 101 and FRENCH 102. Intended for students committed to learning French at an accelerated pace; it may be helpful to have background in another Romance language.

- **Italian 105: Accelerated Introductory Italian**

- Accelerated Honors Seminar: Any section
- Credits: 4
- Instructor: TBA
- Requisites: Not open to students with credit for ITALIAN 102.
- Additional information: Equivalent to the completion of both ITALIAN 101 and ITALIAN 102. Intended for students committed to learning Italian at an accelerated pace; it may be helpful to have background in another Romance language.

- **Hebrew-Biblical 391: Intensive Elementary Biblical Hebrew**

- Accelerated Honors Seminar: Any section
- Credits: 4
- Instructor: Jeremy Hutton
- Requisites: No HEBR-BIB 103 or 104
- Additional information: Equivalent to the completion of both HEBR-BIB 103 and 104. Intended for students committed to learning Biblical Hebrew at an accelerated pace; it may be helpful to have background with related texts.

No Breadth: For specific majors or with specialized requisites

- **French 205: Accelerated Intermediate French**
 - Accelerated Honors Seminar: Any section
 - Credits: 4
 - Instructor: TBA
 - Requisites: FRENCH 102 or 105 or placement into FRENCH 203. Not open to students with credit for FRENCH 204
 - Additional information: Intended for students committed to learning French at an accelerated pace.
- **Italian 205: Accelerated Intermediate Italian**
 - Accelerated Honors Seminar: Any section
 - Credits: 4
 - Instructor: TBA
 - Requisites: ITALIAN 102 or 105 or placement into ITALIAN 203. Not open to students with credit for ITALIAN 204
 - Additional information: Intended for students committed to learning Italian at an accelerated pace.
- **Sociology 362: Statistics for Sociologists III**
 - Accelerated Honors: All sections
 - Credits: 4
 - Instructor: TBA
 - Requisites: C&E SOC/SOC 361, STAT 302, ECON 400, 410, or MATH/STAT 309
- **Anthropology 490: Undergraduate Seminar - Archaeology of Ritual and Religion**
 - Accelerated Honors: SEM 001
 - Credits: 3
 - Instructor: Nam Kim
 - Requisites: Junior standing and declared in the Anthropology undergraduate program or Archaeology undergraduate certificate
- **History 500: Reading Seminar in History**
 - Accelerated Honors: All sections
 - Credits: 3
 - Instructor: Various
 - Requisites: HISTORY 201 or junior standing
- **Economics 580: Honors Tutorial in Research Project Design**
 - Accelerated Honors: All sections
 - Credits: 3
 - Instructor: Laura Schechter
 - Requisites: (ECON 301 or 311), (ECON 302 or 312), and ECON 410. Reserved for declared Economics Honors in the Major students.
 - Additional information: Communication B

- **Religious Studies 600: Religion in Critical Perspective**
 - Accelerated Honors Seminar: SEM 001
 - Credits: 3
 - Instructor: Suzanne Van Geuns
 - Requisites: Consent of instructor
- **History 601: Historical Publishing Practicum**
 - Accelerated Honors Seminar: SEM 001
 - Credits: 3
 - Instructor: TBA
 - Requisites: Consent of instructor
- **Gender And Women's Studies 640: Capstone Seminar in Gender and Women's Studies**
 - Accelerated Honors: All sections
 - Credits: 3
 - Instructor: Christine Garlough
 - Requisites: Consent of instructor
- **Anthropology 690: Problems in Anthropology - Art, Technology, Gender**
 - Accelerated Honors: SEM 002
 - Credits: 3
 - Instructor: Jonathan Kenoyer
 - Requisites: Junior standing and declared in the Anthropology undergraduate program or Archaeology undergraduate certificate
- **Community and Environmental Sociology/Sociology 693: Practicum in Analysis and Research**
 - Accelerated Honors: LEC 001
 - Credits: 3
 - Instructor: Christine Schwartz
 - Requisites: SOC/C&E SOC 357, 361 and declared in Sociology: Concentration in Analysis and Research or Applied Social Research certificate
- **Senior Honors Theses (681-682) and departmental thesis-related seminars**

Honors Only Courses Great for First-Year Students!

This is a curated list from the courses above meant to help students with any major, especially first-year students, find Honors Only courses that could be a good fit for them. Find more info about each Honors Only section in the lists above and in Course Search & Enroll/Guide.

Literature Breadth

- **English 169: Modern American Literature - Literature as Equipment for Living**
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 - Honors Only Seminar: SEM 002
- **African American Studies 227: Introduction to African American Literature**
 - Honors Only Discussion Section: DIS 304
 - Additional information: Ethnic Studies
- **Classics 270: Classical Mythology**
 - Honors Only Discussion Section: DIS 309
- **Literature in Translation 410: The Grand Tour and the Romantic Myth of Italy**
 - Honors Only Seminar: LEC 002
 - Requisites: Sophomore standing

Humanities Breadth

- **Gender and Women's Studies 101: Gender, Women, and Cultural Representation**
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- **Communication Arts 313: Topics in Film and Media Studies - Netflix's Streaming Revolution**
 - Honors Only Seminar: LEC 001
 - Requisites: Sophomore standing

Humanities or Social Science Breadth

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 - Honors Only Discussion Section: DIS 301
 - Requisites: Sophomore standing
- **ART HIST/ENVIR ST/GEOG/HIST/LAND ARC 239 – Making the American Landscape**
 - Honors Only Discussion Section: DIS 310
 - Additional information: Ethnic Studies

Social Science Breadth

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 - Additional information: Communication B, counts as introductory sociology for pre-med
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 - Honors Only Seminar: LEC 002
- **Psychology 202: Introduction to Psychology**
 - Honors Only Seminar: LEC 004
- **Political Science 307: Political Behavior & Economy**
 - Honors Only Seminar: LEC 001
 - Requisites: Sophomore standing
- **African American Studies/History 321: African American History Since 1900**
 - Honors Only Seminar: LEC 001
 - Requisites: Sophomore standing
- **Political Science 372: Political Violence**
 - Honors Only Seminar: LEC 001
 - Requisites: Sophomore standing

Physical Science Breadth

- **Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences 101: Weather and Climate**
 - Honors Only Discussion Section: DIS 305
- **Geoscience/Environmental Studies 106: Environmental Geology**
 - Honors Only Discussion Section: DIS 316
- **Integrated Liberal Studies 153: Ways of Knowing in the Sciences**
 - Honors Only Discussion Section: DIS 301

Natural Science Breadth

- **Gender and Women's Studies 103: Gender, Women, Bodies, and Health**
 - Honors Only Seminar: LEC 002 (Note: This class is very likely to fill before first-year students can enroll.)