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Welcome to the Honors College

An honors-enhanced education is all about mind-expanding opportunities, innovation, and challenge. You've chosen to explore new horizons in learning and transformative education as a member of Purdue's Honors College. You will have many opportunities open to you, including pursuing research, studying abroad, enjoying distinctive classroom experiences with adventurous interdisciplinary formats, and learning from each other and our world-class faculty. Being part of Purdue's only residential college is also about becoming a member of a community of scholars and exploring ways to connect to our community to others through engaged service. We're delighted that you've decided to embark on this journey, and together we will forge the future!

-Rhonda Phillips, Ph.D.

Dean, Honors College, Purdue University

[View the Dean's biography.](#)

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Purdue University's Honors College fosters collaborative learning, promotes individual research and community engagement, and prepares students for a global world. We encourage you to participate actively in this community, both inside and out of the classroom.

New Honors College students, download a copy of the welcome presentation [here](#). Or [click here](#) to view the welcome video on our Youtube page.

Mission

Our mission is to create and foster well-rounded, well-educated global leaders. We work to create student leaders on campus who impact society from their very first semester. The four pillars, our primary tenets, come together to help us accomplish this mission. They are: leadership development, undergraduate research, community and global experiences, and interdisciplinary academics.

Leadership Development

- Opportunities and Experiences
 - Numerous opportunities and experiences exist for students to develop leadership skills crucial for academic and professional success.

- Student Organizations
 - Our student-driven organizations provide opportunities to make a difference in the Honors College, the campus, surrounding communities, and beyond.
- Interdisciplinary Teamwork
 - Living and learning in an interdisciplinary environment fosters increased involvement and helps develop problem-solving skills.
- Student Mentorship
 - Peer mentors help in facilitating the first-year course and lead groups of students working on projects.

Undergraduate Research

- Undergraduate Research
 - Undergraduate research is a built-in component of honors learning, broadening each student's understanding of global issues.
- World-class Faculty
 - Honors students have the opportunity to work with the top instructors on campus, most of whom are award-winning professors.
- Scholarly Project
 - The scholarly project involves students in the creation of new knowledge.
- Interdisciplinary Breadth
 - Interdisciplinary seminars help students understand the many complexities and issues crossing disciplines.

Community and Global Experiences

- Global Experience
 - Students engage with visiting scholars and international classmates from across the world, creating intercultural bonds of friendship.
- Collaboration
 - Hailing from diverse geographical and educational backgrounds, honors students practice the collaborative skills and approaches for addressing issues in the global economy.
- Faculty Engagement
 - Our faculty is engaged with the students both inside and outside the classroom.
- Honors Activities
 - Honors College activities provide ways to forge friendships within the community as well as to develop a culture of giving and engagement.

Interdisciplinary Academics

- Interdisciplinary Thinking
 - Honors courses are comprised of students from all disciplines from across the university, allowing for open dialogue and collaboration.
- Lateral Learning
 - Through discussion-based honors courses, students learn from one another daily.
- National and International Scholarships Office (NISO)
 - The professionals at NISO mentor students through the application process for prestigious scholarships.

- Global Learning
 - Students are exposed to a variety of global travel opportunities that lead to academic and personal growth.

College Requirements

Honors College Requirements

24 honors credits, plus a scholarly project

5 HONR credits

- 2 credits from the first year seminar, HONR 19901 and HONR 19902
- 3 credits of additional HONR-designated courses

Current Purdue students and transfer students who are accepted into the Honors College will not take the HONR 19901/2 series; they will instead complete 2 other credits of HONR for a total of 5 HONR credits.

19 Honors electives

- HONR courses beyond the first 5 HONR credits
- H-designated courses
- Courses taken with an H contract
- Graduate-level courses, including "selectives" allowed by the undergraduate plan of study but excluding courses required by the plan of study
- Supervised research courses (e.g., undergraduate research, directed study, independent research, honors thesis)- maximum of 12 credits towards total of 24

The following stipulations apply:

- At least 9 credits must be taken after the 1st year of college enrollment
- Up to 12 credits may be specified by individual colleges

Good Standing

- Maintain at least a 3.5 cumulative GPA
- Take at least one honors course per academic year excluding full semesters during which students study abroad
- Meet with your honors advisor at least once per academic year

Scholarly Project

A student must engage in a sustained project, either on or off campus, in which the student creates new knowledge. Results of this research or creative project should be presented in a public forum (e.g. publication, presentation, display, or performance).

Students may satisfy this requirement by choosing one of the following options:

- Departmental or college honors thesis or honors capstone project
- Interdisciplinary honors thesis/scholarly project
- Scholarly project approved by a faculty committee appointed by the Dean of the Honors College. This experience might include an established Purdue research program; a REU (Research Experience for Undergraduates) at Purdue or elsewhere; or a project supervised by a Purdue faculty member.

Click here to download a pdf version of the curriculum.

Contact Information

To learn more, schedule a campus visit, or meet with a current Honors College student, please contact the Honors College main office at 765-494-2929.

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HONR 19500 - University Honors Program Freshman Independent Research

Credit Hours: 1.00 to 3.00. Honors research. Individual research projects undertaken with faculty supervision. Admission to University Honors Program. Permission of instructor required. Typically offered Summer Fall Spring.

HONR 19900 - Interdisciplinary Honors - Special Topics Seminar

Credit Hours: 1.00 to 6.00. For first and second-year honors eligible students only, with priority given to University Honors Program (UHP) students. These interdisciplinary topic seminars are designed to open intellectual horizons and allow opportunities for learning by inquiry in a collaborative environment. Courses are limited to 20 participants or less, may be team taught, and emphasize close interaction between the professor(s) and the students. Students will participate in active learning exercises that may include field trips, creative research experiences, community collaboration, and/or service learning. Seminar topics will vary from semester to semester depending upon demand and/or instructor's availability. Previous seminar titles include: The Vampire in Folklore, Fiction, & Film; Should the History of Science be X-Rated; The City; and The Modern Corporation in Society. Requires SAT \geq 1200 or ACT \geq 26. Permission of instructor required. Typically offered Summer Fall Spring.

HONR 19901 - The Evolution Of Ideas

Credit Hours: 1.00. This course is the first half of the required introductory series taken by all students entering the Honors College. It has no prerequisites and is restricted to students accepted into the Honors College. Typically offered Fall.

HONR 19902 - The Evolution Of Ideas II

Credit Hours: 1.00. This course is the second half of the required course sequence taken by all students entering the Honors College. It has no prerequisites and is restricted to students accepted by the Honors College. Typically offered Spring.

HONR 19903 - Interdisciplinary Approaches In Writing

Credit Hours: 3.00. This course is a writing-intensive course in which students learn how to find, evaluate, and use credible information, how to express themselves well in a variety of different written genres, and how to write for different audiences. Typically offered Fall Spring.

HONR 29500 - University Honors Program Sophomore Independent Research

Credit Hours: 1.00 to 3.00. Honors research. Individual research projects undertaken with faculty supervision. Admission to University Honors Program. Permission of instructor required. Typically offered Fall Spring Summer.

HONR 29900 - Interdisciplinary Honors - Special Topics Seminar

Credit Hours: 1.00 to 6.00. For second-year honors eligible students and above; with priority given to University Honors Program (UHP) students. These interdisciplinary topics seminars are designed to open intellectual horizons and allow opportunities for learning by inquiry in a collaborative environment. Courses are limited to 20 participants or less, may be team taught, and emphasize close interaction between the professor(s) and the students. Students will participate in active learning exercises that may include field trips, creative research experiences, community collaboration, and/or service learning. Seminar topics will vary from semester to semester depending upon demand and/or instructor's availability. . Permission of instructor required. Typically offered Summer Fall Spring.

HONR 39500 - University Honors Program Junior Independent Research

Credit Hours: 1.00 to 3.00. Honors research. Individual research projects undertaken with faculty supervision. Admission to University Honors Program. Permission of instructor required. Typically offered Summer Fall Spring.

HONR 39900 - Interdisciplinary Honors - Special Topics Seminar

Credit Hours: 1.00 to 6.00. HONR 39900 is designated for a wide range of honors courses offered by various schools/departments as part of their respective curricula and by the University Honors Program. Permission of department required. Typically offered Summer Fall Spring.

HONR 49900 - Interdisciplinary Honors - Special Topics Seminar

Credit Hours: 1.00 to 6.00. HONR 49900 is designated for a wide range of honors courses offered by various schools/departments as part of their respective curricula and by the University Honors Program. Permission of department required. Typically offered Summer Fall Spring.