

To: Jennifer Bird-Pollan, Chair, University Senate Council

From: Christian Brady, Dean of Lewis Honors College

Date: November 11, 2019

RE: Proposed Program Changes, Lewis Honors College

The following proposal covers a number of changes to the courses offered by the Lewis Honors College and the subsequent changes in the program due to the course changes. All of the new course and course change forms with accompanying syllabi are in Curriculog.

This proposal was approved by the Honors College Council on October 25, 2019.

1. Minor modifications of the Fall 2019 30-credit curriculum

Based on the new and revised courses mentioned below, the revised program is shown below with changes marked in red.

Fall 2020 Curriculum – 30 Credits
Six Credits of Required Courses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CIS WRD 112 Accelerated Comp. ^ and Comm. II (3) • HON 101 Knowledge and Society (3)
^ Students with credit for ENG 101 and 102 before attending UK, can also meet this requirement by taking an appropriate COM course.
Twelve Credits of Honors Courses:
Students choose 6 credits of lower-level Honors courses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HON 151 Honors in Humanities (3) • HON 152 Honors STEM (3) • HON 251 Honors in Social Sciences (3) • HON 252 Honors in Arts & Creativity (3) • HON 201 Honors Seminar (1-3)
or Honors courses/sections in existing UK courses (3-4)
Students choose 6 credits of upper-level Honors courses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HON 301 Honors Advanced Seminar (1-3) • Honors courses/sections in existing UK courses (3-4)
or a graduate course that meets the needs and interests of the student* (3)
Three Credits of Honors Elective
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any lower-level, upper-level, or Honors experience course.
Six Credits of Honors Experiences
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education Abroad, HON 352 or equivalent • Service Learning or Community Outreach, HON 399, 393, 394, or equivalent • Independent Research, HON 395 or equivalent • Internships/Co-op Experiences, HON 386, EXP 396 or equivalent
Honors Thesis
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HON 491 Honors Thesis or college/departmental equivalent (3)

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*Must be approved by the Lewis Honors College.

2. Subsequent Minor Modification for the 30-, 21-, and 15-credit curricula

Based on the new and revised courses mentioned above, the revised program for all three credit curriculums (30, 21, and 15) with changes marked in red.

HONORS 30, 21, AND 15 CREDIT CURRICULUM COMPARISON FOR FALL 2020		
Starting as a First-Year Honors Student	Starting as a Second-Year Honors Student	Starting as a Junior Honors Student (4-5 semester remaining)
Six Credits of <u>Required</u> Courses	Three Credits of <u>Required</u> Courses	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CIS/WRD 112 Accelerated Comp. and Comm. II (3) HON 101 Knowledge and Society (3) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HON 101 Knowledge and Society (3) 	
Twelve Credits of Honors Courses:	Six Credits of Honors Courses:	Three Credits of Honors Courses:
Students choose 6 credits of lower-level Honors courses	Students choose 3 credits of lower-level Honors courses	Students choose one: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HON 101 The Knowledge and Society (3) 3 credits of HON 301 Advanced Seminar (3)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HON 151 Honors ii Humanities (3) HON 152 Honors STEM (3) HON 251 Honors ii Social Sciences (3) HON 252 Honors ii Arts & Creativity (3) HON 201 Honors Seminar (1-3) or Honors courses/sections in existing UK courses (3-4)		
Students choose 6 credits of upper-level Honors courses	Students choose 3 credits of upper-level Honors course	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HON 301 Honors Advanced Seminar (1-3) Honors courses/sections in existing UK courses (3-4) or a graduate course that meets the needs and interests of the student*		
Three Credits of Honors Elective		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any lower-level, upper-level, or Honors experience course. 		
Six Credits of Honors Experiences	Six Credits of Honors Experiences	Three Credits of Honors Experiences
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education Abroad, HON 352 or equivalent Service Learning or Community Outreach, HON 399, 393, 394, or equivalent Independent Research, HON 395 or equivalent Internships/Co-op Experiences, HON 386, EXP 396 or equivalent 		
Honors Thesis, 3 credits		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HON 491 Honors Thesis or college/departmental equivalent 		
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UK Core Honors Courses (“the 50s”):

One of the advantages of Honors is that we are able to offer Honors students the opportunity to fulfill Honors requirements, while also fulfilling UK Core requirements. We have been offering HON 151 Honors in Humanities, HON 152 Honors in Natural, Physical and Mathematical Sciences, HON 251 Honors in Social Sciences, and HON 252 Honors in Arts & Creativity since 2016. We are proposing to revise these course descriptions and titles.

Subsequent change to the program: renaming HON 151, 152, 251, and 252.

For all of the courses, bulletin descriptions have been revised (HON 151, 152, 251, 252) to be more consistent with each other. All courses are proposed to be repeated up to six hours under a different subtitle. All the prereqs will be the same, Lewis Honors students only.

We are also proposing a revised title for HON 152, replacing Honors in Natural, Physical and Mathematical Sciences with Honors STEM. We feel like any topic taught under the umbrella of STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) would be able to fulfill the student learning outcomes for the Intellectual Inquiry in the Natural, Physical and Mathematical Sciences. With the revised name, it would be possible to teach courses specifically focused on engineering and technology, which will help us service our students in those areas and to recruit faculty to teach HON 152 from engineering and technology.

Course Descriptions

Revised

HON 151 Honors Humanities (Subtitle required). 3 credits. Honors Humanities courses vary in topic by professor and are announced prior to course registration. These courses engage students in the analysis and interpretation of the human experience in various cultures and time periods. These courses feature elements of Honors pedagogy such as sustained interdisciplinary analyses of art, historical documents, literature, philosophical and other texts; class discussions of assigned primary materials and peer-reviewed texts; and the encouragement of students to be active collaborators in the knowledge constructed by the course. May be repeated up to six hours under a different subtitle. This course fulfills the UK Core requirement for Intellectual Inquiry in the Humanities. Prereq: Lewis Honors students only.

Revised

HON 152 Honors STEM (Subtitle required). 3 credits. Honors STEM courses vary in topic by professor and are announced the to course registration. These courses engage students in the scientific process within a given STEM topic, emphasizing scientific methods and fundamental scientific principles within a societal context and employing interdisciplinary approaches. These courses feature elements of Honors pedagogy such as classroom discussion, engagement with peer-reviewed literature, and active participation in the research process (including data collection and analysis, and/or extensive literature review and synthesis). May be repeated up to six credits under a different subtitle. This course fulfills UK Core requirement for Intellectual Inquiry in the Natural, Physical, and Mathematical Sciences. Prereq: Lewis Honors students only.

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Revised

HON 251 Honors Social Sciences (Subtitle required). 3 credits. Honors Social Sciences courses vary in topic by professor and are announced prior to course registration. The courses engage students in the exploration of relationships between individuals and society and how scholars have come to understand these relationships using conceptual models and processes of inquiry. This interdisciplinary course will focus on the subjective, communal, and structural aspects of society, with the goal of helping students to critically enhance their understanding of the complex and diverse phenomenon that is human social life. These courses employ Honors pedagogy by inviting students to be active collaborators in knowledge construction through class discussion, engagement with peer-reviewed literature, innovative or experimental projects and active participation in the research process (including data collection and analysis, and/or extensive literature review and synthesis). May be repeated up to six hours under a different subtitle. This course fulfills UK Core requirement for Intellectual Inquiry in the Social Sciences. Prereq: Lewis Honors students only.

Revised

HON 252 Honors Arts and Creativity (Subtitle required). 3 credits. Honors Arts and Creativity courses vary in topic by professor and are announced prior to course registration. These courses engage students in exploration and analyses of creative processes, the artifacts they yield, and the cultural significance of works of art, including but not limited to visual, verbal, musical, spatial, or kinesthetic forms of expression. These courses feature Honors pedagogy by encouraging students to engage in creative thinking, intellectual risk-taking, collaborative knowledge construction, and active participation in class discussion. This course fulfills UK Core requirement for Arts and Creativity. May be repeated up to six hours under a different subtitle. Prereq: Lewis Honors students only.

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