



Honors Program

First-Year Course Offerings

Fall 2008

These courses, designed for first-year students, offer you the chance to try out Honors courses, gather credits toward Honors requirements, and fulfill requirements for your major and the Essential Studies requirements – but, most importantly, they start you off in the right direction in college. As you plan your schedule, try to fit in one or two Honors courses (including Honors 101, 102, or 103 for all incoming students). They'll provide you with a comfortable and stimulating beginning experience at UND.

REQUIRED COURSE (one of the three):

Hon 101: Inquiry in the Humanities
(3 cred.) MWF 9-9:50, MWF 11-11:50;
MWF 1-1:50; TR 9:30-10:45; TR 2-3:15

Hon 102: Inquiry in the Social Sciences
(3 cred.) TR 12:30-1:45

Hon 103: Inquiry in the Sciences
(3 cred.) MWF 10-10:50

These courses, built around the theme "The Nature of Truth," provide you with an excellent starting point in Honors and in college. Your thinking will be sparked by interesting readings, films, cultural experiences, service, and discussions on the big questions in life. All sections will sample from various fields in the humanities, social sciences, and sciences; only the emphasis will vary between the courses. These are our community-building classes, and students tend to love them.

OPTIONAL COURSES:

Pols 115: American Government
(3 credits) MW 3-4:15

A discussion-based Honors version of this Political Science course on the American political system, with essays taking the place of multiple-choice tests.

Psyc 111: Introduction to Psychology
(3 credits) TR 9:30-10:45

This special section of Intro. to Psych. allows students to work closely with a psychology professor in a small class setting—especially great for Psychology majors.

Engl 110: Composition I
(3 credits) MWF 10-10:50

This course gives students the opportunity to practice critical thinking, critical reading, and academic writing while working closely with three highly unconventional essays which look at ways that family and personal experience intersect with public events and history.

Engl 120: Composition II
(3 credits) TR 9:30-10:45
Comp II examines how academic writers find information and construct knowledge. To do this, students will analyze the thought-provoking cultural critique of *Generation Me* by doing a close reading, writing about the author's main claims, assessing her sources and her use of them, and then designing their own cultural critique.

Comm 110: Fundamentals of Public Speaking
(3 credits) TR 11-12:15

Learn the art of public speaking in the comfort of Honors Place, with your fellow Honors students.

Biol. 150L: Honors Biology Lab
(1 credit) W 2-4

This Honors section allows students to move beyond objective experimentation and testing. Instead of weekly lab exams, you will get to develop and run your own experiments, read cutting-edge articles, and discuss issues. This work load isn't heavier; it's just different.

Math 165: Calculus I
(4 credits) MTRF 10-10:50

This Honors section of Calculus stresses understanding and proofs as well as computation. For students who enjoy math. No calc background required, but the course also works well for those with AP calc credit who aren't comfortable moving on to the next level of math.