UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM

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Overview
Saint Louis University's Honors Program is designed for academically talented and intellectually curious students from all majors. The Honors Program encourages learning both in and out of the classroom through experiences such as seminar-style classes, independent studies, internships, research projects and study abroad.

Students work closely with an honors advisor to create a rigorous course of study that advances academic and career interests. The Honors Program brings students and faculty together in a community of scholars to explore topics of mutual interest in an interdisciplinary way. In addition, it provides an experience through which students gain cultural competency skills, grow professionally and discern their talents through reflection in the Jesuit tradition.

Program Highlights
The Saint Louis University Honors Program engages intellectually curious and academically successful students in a community oriented towards the Jesuit ideals of holistic learning, academic rigor and community engagement. Through a combination of individually tailored curricula, experiential learning opportunities and developmental guidance and mentorship, the Honors Program prepares students to become citizens who engage in the process of inquiry and apply their knowledge in service to society.

Alumni of the Honors Program attend highly selective professional schools around the country, pursue prestigious scholarships and fellowships, work for world-class businesses and nonprofit organizations, and serve communities around the world through organizations like the Peace Corps and the Jesuit Volunteer Corps.

Honors Academic Advising
Each honors student at SLU is assigned an honors academic advisor who provides specialized secondary advising for students throughout their undergraduate careers. The honors advisor works with primary advisors in all schools and colleges as well as faculty and staff from specialty programs to provide support for honors students.

The honors advisor helps each student construct a rigorous curriculum plan directed at achieving her or his academic and career goals. The honors advisor is also available to discuss course selection, undergraduate research and capstone options, post-graduation plans, and distinguished scholarship opportunities. Students meet with their honors advisor at least once each academic year to keep track of their progress in the University Honors Program.

Curriculum Overview
The University Honors Program offers honors-only courses and smaller, seminar-style classes. Students are also encouraged to participate in internships, independent research projects and study abroad semesters.

Priority Registration
All active honors students are permitted to register one business day before other students at their grade level. For this purpose, students are categorized on the basis of completed semester credits.
Learning Outcomes

1. Graduates will be able to communicate thoughtfully and effectively in multiple disciplines and contexts.
2. Graduates will be able to apply knowledge to social, cultural and professional contexts.
3. Graduates will be able to identify and apply multiple methods of inquiry to address complex questions.
4. Graduates will be able to conduct extensive, quality research or scholarship in a chosen academic field.
5. Graduates will be able to describe the evolution of their quest for personal and professional purpose, as it is situated in social, cultural and historical contexts.
6. Graduates will be able to demonstrate awareness of the complex identities of themselves and others.
7. Graduates will be able to discern how their engagement with diverse communities and cultures affects themselves and others.

Requirements

Core and Major Enrichment Courses

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Students must complete 12 additional hours from the following options:

- Honors-only courses (see below)
- Dual-listed courses (see below)
- Course contracts (see below)
- Graduate courses (see below)

Contemplation in Action Units

Students must complete four units from the following options

- HR 4810 Honors Teaching Assistantship
- HR 4820 Honors Study Abroad
- HR 4840 Honors Research
- HR 4850 Honors International Partnership
- HR 4860 Honors Professional Development and Vocational Discernment
- HR 4910 Honors Internship

The Honors Program offers various enrichment experiences periodically that count towards "Contemplation in Action" units Variable

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Honors-Only Courses

Numerous academic departments offer courses with enrollment limited to honors students. These courses are taught by some of Saint Louis University's most distinguished faculty, and the class size is typically limited to 20 students. In some cases, honors-only courses satisfy University Core Curriculum "Ultimate Questions" requirements. Others count towards other core elements.

Graduation Requirements

Students who successfully complete all requirements and have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5 will graduate through the University Honors Program (listed on their official transcript). Latin Honors (e.g., cum laude) are awarded on the basis of grade point average and are not associated with the UHP.
PHIL 1757  Philosophical Disputations: Ultimate Questions in Philosophy  3
PHIL 2050  Ethics  3
THEO 1659  Close Textual Readings: Theology Slowed Down  3

Options vary by semester.

**Dual-listed Courses**

The majority of honors courses are dual-listed courses, which means that both honors students and non-honors students can enroll in the course. Dual-listed courses involve supplemental or enriched assignments for students to earn honors credit. Honors students must register specifically for the honors section of the course (designated by an "H" in the section number) and must complete the supplemental or enriched honors work. Students may not opt out of the honors section or the honors work after the University add/drop deadline, except with departmental approval. The Honors Program selects dual-listed courses with an eye towards satisfying University Core Curriculum "Ways of Thinking" requirements or other attributes in the Core.

**Course Contracts**

Students may elect to earn honors credit through a non-honors course by contracting the class with the instructor. The course must be at the 3000- or 4000-level in the student's major or minor area. Students must submit an Honors Contract Agreement with the instructor's support that describes supplemental or enriched assignments the student will complete for honors credit. Contracts must be submitted to the UHP for approval by the first Friday of the semester. Students may not opt out of the honors work, which is graded pass/no pass. For the course to count towards the student's honors requirements, the student must pass the honors work and earn a "B" or better in the course.

Students must contract at least one upper-level course in their major, and may petition to complete more than one (or to substitute an honors experience for a requirement above, such as the Honors Collaborative Inquiry seminar).

**Graduate Courses**

Graduate courses will count toward the 25 required honors credits, up to a maximum of 6 credits.

**Continuation Standards**

To remain active in the program, students must earn academic credit in an honors course or experience each semester (some exceptions apply, depending on a student's progress and standing in the Honors Program).

Students must earn a "B" or better in honors courses. This includes all courses with the "HR" subject code, all dual-listed honors courses, as well as all contracted honors courses. Honors courses for which a student earns less than a "B" will not count toward meeting UHP requirements. Students also must maintain at least a 3.5 cumulative GPA to remain in good standing with the UHP. Student progress is reviewed at the end of each semester; students below a 3.5 cumulative GPA may enter a probation status or be dismissed from the program.

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