

Advising Incoming Murray State Honors Students: A Guide

Introduction

The Murray State Honors Sequence is a gen ed curriculum that replaces the University Studies requirements for all students in the Honors Program. It can be combined with any major or area of study at the University. Honors Students are allowed to choose a BA or BS sequence, depending upon what is appropriate for their academic areas or majors. The sequence includes

- 8-9 dedicated HON seminars (depends on if BA or BS sequence)
- Competency requirements in science, math, and foreign language
- Study abroad
- Senior honors thesis.

All students must take at least one Honors seminar each semester until the sequence is complete, and they must maintain a 3.2 GPA. When students complete this sequence, they are exempt from University Studies requirements, and they are awarded the Honors Diploma.

Honors students are required to take at least one honors seminar each semester to remain in good standing. If their schedules are such that they cannot take an honors seminar and they wish to be exempted for a semester, they must apply for and receive the permission of the Honors Director in advance. Incoming students are advised to take more than one honors seminar if at all possible.

Honors Seminars

All but two HON seminars are cross-listed with University Studies courses:

Univ. Stud. Course	Honors Seminar Equivalent
ENG 105	ENG 150
SOC 133	HON 133
ARC 150	HON 150
ART 121	HON 161
MUS 105	HON 162
THD 104	HON 163
COM 161	HON 165
PSY 180	HON 180
CIV 201	HON 201
CIV 202	HON 202
PHI 202	HON 212
ECO 230 / 231	HON 232
HUM 211	HON 251
HUM 212	HON 252
POL 250	HON 270
POL 252	HON 272

When an Honors student is required by program stipulation in the bulletin to take one of the University Studies courses listed above, they should be scheduled in the Honors equivalent. However, there are not HON equivalents for every University Studies course, and this is okay. Honors students are NOT required to fulfill BOTH their University Studies curriculum AND the Honors Sequence; the Honors Sequence REPLACES their University Studies requirement. The only exception to this rule is with stipulated courses, as is discussed next.

(NOTE: This advising guide is appropriate for students under the 2013-14 and 2014-15 Bulletins. The Honors Sequence for students under the 2011-13 Bulletin is slightly different; please contact the Honors Program for details specific to earlier bulletins.)

Courses Stipulated By Majors

Different majors and areas frequently stipulate as part of University Studies choices for their students a number of specific courses that are significant prerequisites or are required for program accreditation; these courses are those stipulated under the Area or Major listing in the bulletin. The Honors Program agrees with the Registrar's Office that honors students should be required to take these courses in addition to completing the Honors Sequence. To address this issue, the Honors Sequence is deliberately flexible, so that honors students may include all or most of these stipulated courses in their Honors Sequence curriculum. Incoming honors students are able to choose between a BA or BS track of the Honors Sequence; the BS Honors Sequence requires 6 fewer hours of foreign language and 3 fewer hours of dedicated HON seminars, but it requires students to complete 9 additional hours of University Studies science, math, or language, beyond the competency courses. As is outlined above, incoming honors students are also allowed many elective choices of HON seminars to match possible stipulations. For example, if the major requires that a student take PSY 180, ECO 231, COM 161 or both CIV 201 and 202, these stipulations can be satisfied by the student choosing to take the HON versions of these courses within their Honors Sequence. For BS majors whose programs stipulate they take specific science labs or math classes, they can satisfy the bulk of these with the math and science competencies and the additional 9 hours of science, math, or language.

Transfer Credit

Honors students are allowed to transfer in up to three courses to count for dedicated honors seminars. For example, if a student had had a dual credit course which counted for ENG 105, AP credit for CIV 201, and a junior college credit for COM 161, the Honors Program would be willing to accept those as substitutions for ENG 150, HON 201, and HON 165, respectively, as long as the Registrar's office gave the student credit for those specific non-honors equivalent courses. Only three course transfer credits are allowed for dedicated honors seminars, but students may transfer as many credits to meet competency requirements (math, science, and language) as they like and as many other elective credits as the Registrar allows.

NOTE: Students who are confident they will score a 4 or 5 on the AP Language and Composition exam should NOT sign up for ENG 150. Also, if they are taking AP World or AP US History and are confident about their exams, they should not sign up for HON 202. These students have a good chance of receiving transfer credits for those courses. Generally, students think there is a good chance they will receive AP or transfer credit for one of the University Studies courses listed above, they should not take the Honors equivalent.

What Incoming Honors Students SHOULD Take

- Appropriate 099 for their major. Undeclared students should sign up for HON 099.
- Math, science, or foreign language courses.
- Any important prereqs for their major courses.
- At least one Honors seminar, and no more than two. ENG 150 does count as an Honors seminar.

Honors Sequence

The Honors Sequence for the 2014-15 (and 2013-14) bulletin is listed below. If you have any questions about advising, please contact the Honors Office at 809-3166.

Honors Sequence (B.A. Track) 2014-15 Bulletin

B.A., B.A.B., B.F.A., or B.M. Degrees

50-51 Credit Hours

HON 099 Freshman Orientation for Honors Students (1 Hour)—Only for undeclared incoming honors students.

ENG 150 Honors Composition and Research (4 Hours)

Two of the following fine arts / communication electives:

HON 100 Interdisciplinary Humanities and Fine Arts (3 Hours)

HON 161 Honors Seminar in Visual Arts (3 Hours)

HON 162 Honors Seminar in Music (3 Hours)

HON 163 Honors Seminar in Theatre (3 Hours)

HON 164 Honors Seminar in Fine Arts and Culture Abroad (3 Hours)

HON 165 Honors Seminar in Communication (3 Hours)

(HON 165 is required for all Business, Nursing, and Education majors)

One of the following:

HON 201 Honors Seminar in World History I (3 Hours)

HON 202 Honors Seminar in World History II (3 Hours)

HON 251 Honors Seminar in Lit. and Philosophy I (3 Hours)

One of the following electives:

HON 261 Honors Seminar in Science (3 Hours)

Prerequisites: Four hours of lab sciences from the University Studies electives.

HON 262 Honors Seminar in Mathematics (3 Hours)

Prerequisites: One mathematics course from the University Studies electives.

Three of the following electives: (*cannot take both 270 and 272 or both 212 and 252)

HON 133 Honors Seminar in Sociology (3 Hours)

HON 150 Honors Seminar in Archaeology (3 Hours)

HON 180 Honors Seminar in Psychology (3 Hours)

HON 201 or HON 202 (*whichever was not taken above*) (3 Hours)

HON 212 Honors Seminar in Ethics (3 Hours)

HON 232 Honors Seminar in Economics (3 Hours)

HON 252 Honors Seminar in Lit. and Philosophy II (3 Hours)

HON 270 Honors Seminar in International Relations (3 Hours)

HON 272 Honors Seminar in Comparative Politics (3 Hours)

HON 437 Senior Honors Thesis (3 Hours)

Additional Requirements for the Honors Diploma

Competency in Mathematics – The student must complete three hours of mathematics chosen from the University Studies mathematics category (not including HON 262). This course can serve as the prerequisite for HON 262.

Competency in Science – The student must complete one lab science chosen from the University Studies science category. This course can serve as the prerequisite for HON 261.

Competency in Foreign Language – 12 hour sequence (excluding 105) in a foreign language culminating in at least a 202 level course – Example: SPA 101, SPA 102, SPA 201, SPA 202

Study Abroad: Students must participate in a year, semester, or summer study abroad program (9 day minimum). Courses taken abroad may be used towards the Honors Sequence, foreign language competency, major, or minor.

Honors Sequence (B.S. Track) 2014-15 Bulletin
B.S., B.S.A., B.S.B., B.S.N., B.I.S., or B.S.W. Degrees
50-51 Credit Hours

HON 099 Freshman Orientation for Honors Students (1 Hour)—Only for undeclared incoming honors students.

ENG 150 Honors Composition and Research (4 Hours)

Two of the following fine arts / communication electives:

HON 100 Interdisciplinary Humanities and Fine Arts (3 Hours)

HON 161 Honors Seminar in Visual Arts (3 Hours)

HON 162 Honors Seminar in Music (3 Hours)

HON 163 Honors Seminar in Theatre (3 Hours)

HON 164 Honors Seminar in Fine Arts and Culture Abroad (3 Hours)

HON 165 Honors Seminar in Communication (3 Hours)

(HON 165 is required for all Business, Nursing, and Education majors)

One of the following:

HON 201 Honors Seminar in World History I (3 Hours)

HON 202 Honors Seminar in World History II (3 Hours)

HON 251 Honors Seminar in Lit. and Philosophy I (3 Hours)

One of the following:

HON 252 Honors Seminar in Lit. and Philosophy II (3 Hours)

HON 212 Honors Seminar in Ethics (3 Hours)

Two of the following electives (*cannot take both 270 and 272)

HON 133 Honors Seminar in Sociology (3 Hours)

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HON 232 Honors Seminar in Economics (3 Hours)

HON 270 Honors Seminar in International Relations (3 Hours)

HON 272 Honors Seminar in Comparative Politics (3 Hours)

HON 437 Senior Honors Thesis (3 Hours)

Additional Requirements for the Honors Diploma

Competency in Mathematics – The student must complete three hours of mathematics chosen from the University Studies mathematics category (not including HON 262).

Competency in Science – The student must complete one lab science chosen from the University Studies science category.

Competency in Foreign Language – 6 hour sequence (excluding 105) **in a foreign language culminating in at least a 102 level course** – Example: SPA 101, SPA 102

9 Additional Hours of University Studies Science, Math, or Language – These must be in addition to the competency courses mentioned above; students should consult their major advisors in deciding which courses to take, as specific courses are often needed to fulfill general education stipulated requirements for specific majors. Either **HON 261** or **HON 262** may be taken for three of these hours.

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