

James Millikin Honors Program

Advising Information

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Colleagues and Honors Scholars,

With advising day upon us, I wanted to provide some important information about honors advising and registration.

- Honors students are granted the earliest registration ticket, regardless of class standing. Please **do not postpone advising honors students**. They need to be cleared to register on or before Scheduling Day.
- For registration purposes, there is a single section of HN490 with Dr. Michael Hartsock as instructor. This allows students to enroll in the needed credits of HN490 now and avoid some of the problems with students stuck in part time status while they were completing their Honors Capstone Contracts. Upon completion of the Honors Capstone Contract, those students will be reassigned to a section of HN490 with their capstone advisor as instructor. **But here are some words of caution:**
 - Be sure to enroll in the correct number of ind. Study credits.
 - **Speak with your likely capstone advisor** early and often to make sure they are willing to oversee your project.
- Students may take their 200 and 300 level **honors courses in any order**. Junior standing will be temporarily required for 300 level honors courses but will be withdrawn after juniors and seniors have had a chance to register. Current first and second year students are advised to take a 200 level honors course, unless they have a specific interest or tight scheduling demands that make a 300 level honors course the best option. Keep in mind juniors and some seniors need these courses for graduation. Students may also need to double up on honors courses or skip a semester if their schedule demands it.
- Students who voluntarily or non-voluntarily leave the honors program must meet all of the regular MPSSL sequential and non-sequential requirements.
- Depending on content, some Honors Seminars may meet various college or major requirements (e.g., historical studies or literature requirements). This, however, is at the discretion of the School Director, Department Chair or Area Coordinator.
- Students studying abroad for an entire semester may identify **one** of the courses they take abroad as counting for HN350. The Honors Director regards studying abroad an honors-quality experience.
- Students who are student teaching typically begin their Honors capstone project a semester early, or make careful plans to ensure its completion alongside student teaching.

What Honors Students DON'T Take:

Honors Students who complete the honors program are not required to the University Studies (AKA MPSSL) requirements. You can simply mark these off your eight-semester plan and use that space for honors requirements, electives, or whatever.

- IN140: University Seminar (3 credits)
- EN181: University Writing (3 credits)

- EN281: Writing in the Disciplines (3 credits)
- Humanities (3 credits)
- Social Science (3 credits)
- Global Studies (3 credits)
- Creative Arts Course (3 credits)
- Natural Science with a Lab Course (4 credits)
- Oral Communications Course (3 credits)
- Quantitative Reasoning Course (3-4 credits)
- International Cultures and Structures (ICS) Courses. (4-6 credits)

** There are limited cases where honors students need one or more of the above courses for their major; the Honors Program does not exempt from these cases.

What Honors Students DO Take:

- HN183, Honors University Seminar (3 credits)
 - HN150, Honors Section (3 credits)
 - HN151, Honors Section (3 credits)
 - Three of the following Honors Seminars (9 credits total):
 - HN202, Creative Arts Honors Seminar
 - HN203, Humanities Honors Seminar
 - HN204, Natural Sciences Honors Seminar
 - HN206, Social Sciences Honors Seminar
 - HN207, Mathematics Honors Seminar
 - HN350
 - Choose one of the following tracks:
 - Track 1: Sustained, multi-year independent project (what we used to call “JMS”)¹
 - HN490 (6 credits): Divide over 4 semesters
 - HN492 (4 credits): Take one credit each term you are in the program.
 - Track 2: Additional coursework with shorter term, smaller scale project (See the Honors Capstone Contract). This project can be fully independent or articulated with an existing course.
 - Independent Study Honors Capstone
 - HN300 or additional HN350
 - HN490 (4 credits)
 - HN400 (1 credit)
 - Articulated Honors Capstone
 - HN300 or additional HN350
 - Upper Division course in your major (1-3 credits)
 - HN490 (1-3 credits)
- The Upper division major course and HN490 credit hours must total 4!**
- HN40 (1 credit)

Regarding Track 1: To elect this track, students must submit a well-developed project plan that adequately describes an independent research or creative project. Project plans should be approximately 1,000 words and include a clear statement of the research question(s) or creative project theme, a statement of methodology which demonstrates a clear understanding of the discipline appropriate methods and how they are related to your proposed project, and a detailed budget of expected expenses, if applicable. Project plans must be approved by at least one faculty member who has agreed to serve as the project advisor.

Regarding Track 2: The honors capstone is intended to consolidate the honors program experience with the student's major or other ongoing academic work or provide an opportunity for an independent project. It consists of two parts: HN490, Honors Independent Study (4 cr) & HN400, Honors Symposium (1 cr). The latter is an opportunity for honors students to share their capstone experiences and projects with fellow honors students and honors faculty. The Honors Independent Study can be approached in a variety of ways and it can be articulated with other courses in another

¹ Beginning with Bulletin 2021-2022, Track 1 students take 1 credit of HN492 during the first term of the project, 6 credits of HN490 spaced appropriate throughout the project, and 1 credit of HN400 during the term the project is completed. This is generally applicable to current first and second year students, or any other student who has adopted the new bulletin.

academic department. The articulation arrangement should promote enhanced or advanced study relative to the articulated course. The following (draft) examples are not meant to be exhaustive, but represent possible arrangements:

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- a) Biology Honors Student: Articulate HN490 with BI391 (Research), with the 4 credits spread across the students 7th and 8th semester. In this scenario, HN400 is taken in the students 8th semester.
- b) Chemistry Honors Student: Articulate 3 credits of HN490 with a 300 or 400 level chemistry class. Articulate 1 credit of HN490 with CH391 or Ch392 (Undergraduate Research).
- c) Music Education (Instrumental): Honors Student: Articulate 2 credits of HN490 with ME 460 (Inst. Music Ed Seminar & Practicum) during their 6th semester. (All education students should take HN400 during their 7th semester.) Take 2 additional HN490 independent study credits the term before or after the articulated Music class. The additional work could extend or enrich work done in the articulated courses.
- d) Musical Theatre Honors Student: Articulate 2 credits of HN490 with DA446 (Theatre Dance I) or 2 credits of HN490 with DA447 (Theatre Dance II). Take 2 additional HN490 independent study credits the term before or after the articulated Theatre class. The additional work could extend or enrich work done in the articulated courses.

None of these examples rule out other creative and useful ways in which the student may use the HN490 hours to enrich existing projects and academic experiences.

Information for Students Voluntarily or Involuntarily Leaving the Honors Program:

Honors students who voluntarily or involuntarily leave the Honors Program must fulfill all MPSL requirements in order to be eligible for graduation. The following are Honors and MPSL course equivalences.

- HN183 fulfills the University Seminar (IN140) requirement
- HN150 fulfills the EN181, CWRR I requirement
- HN151 fulfills the EN281, CWRR II requirement
- HN202 fulfills the Creative Arts requirement.
- HN203 fulfills the Humanities requirement. It may also fulfill the literature requirement for BA students or the historical studies requirement for A&S students, depending on course content.
- HN204 fulfills the Natural Science with a lab requirement.
- HN206 fulfills the Social Science requirement.
- HN207 fulfills the Quantitative Reasoning requirement.
- HN300 (Interdisciplinary Colloquium) is a 300 level elective.
- HN350 (Global Colloquium) fulfills the Global Studies requirement.