

HONORS

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This program is designed for outstanding, highly motivated students and should ordinarily begin in the freshman year. Entering students are eligible if they have a sound high school record and high ACT scores, and can provide a recommendation from at least one high school teacher or counselor. In addition, students currently enrolled at SMSU may apply for entrance to the program if they have earned a 3.3 grade point average and can provide recommendations from advisors.

The program is a substitute for the standard Liberal Arts Curriculum and Rural Studies requirements. The student, in consultation with the honors director and the Honors Review Board, designs his/her own program of Liberal Arts and Rural Studies coursework. As part of each student's program they are required to take a Senior Honors Seminar (Honors Seminar II) and three courses from the following list of Honors Core classes:

HIST 273	Intellectual & Cultural History of Modern Europe	3
HIST 274	Social & Intellectual History of Contemporary Europe	3
IDST 287	Honors Seminar I	3
LIT 310	Greek Myth and Literature	3
MATH 400	Foundations of Math	3
PHIL 330	History of Philosophy I	3
PHIL 331	History of Philosophy II	3

Honors students may also, though this is not a requirement, enroll in a 3-9 hour honors project designed by the student and his/her major advisor. In addition to completing their coursework, each student will complete an honors senior dialogue involving at least three faculty members from among non-major disciplines plus the honors director. This session is not graded.

To graduate from the program, the student must have a 3.3 grade point average, overall. Students successfully completing the program will be awarded an engraved medal marking their achievement and will be designated "honors graduate" at the commencement exercises.

Any student who meets the qualifications specified above and who enjoys the challenge and excitement of helping to design his/her own course of Liberal Arts studies should request further information from: Director, Honors Program, Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall, MN 56258.

HONORS COURSES:

IDST 140 Introduction to Honors (1 credit)

A course to assist incoming freshmen who have shown an interest in becoming more familiar with the Honors Program. The main objective will be to assist freshmen students to design an Honors Program, but there will be formal discussions of topical issues, guest faculty visits, off-campus visits, and a careful reading of several central texts.

IDST 286 Honors Special Topics (1-4 credits)

IDST 287 Honors Seminar I (3 credits)

A sophomore level interdisciplinary seminar for honors students as partial fulfillment of the requirements of the Honors Program. Prerequisite: enrollment in Honors Program or consent of instructor.

IDST 405 Honors Project (3-9 credits)

A course to be designed by the student in conjunction with his/her advisor and approved by the Honors Review Board as partial fulfillment of the requirements of the Honors Program. Prerequisite: enrollment in the Honors Program.

IDST 410 Honors Mentor (2 credits)

Students will be selected after an application process and will work with close supervision by the Director of the Honors Program. They will lead discussions, plan and conduct tours and/or trips, and arrange for class visits by faculty (and others) who might make presentations to the Introduction to Honors Course. Prerequisite: Program approved by Review Board.

IDST 486 Honors Advanced Special Topics (1-4 credits)

IDST 487 Honors Seminar II (3 credits)

A senior interdisciplinary seminar for honors students as partial fulfillment of the requirements of the Honors Program. Prerequisite: enrollment in the Honors Program or consent of instructor.

IDST 496 Honors Advanced Workshop (1-3 credits)

Honors Credits:

Honors students may sign up for additional credits in the following fields. These credits are to be taken in conjunction with a regular course offering and allow an honors student to pursue a special project or to develop a class assignment in greater depth and detail. All of these credits require consent of instructor and/or department prior to enrollment.

HONORS CREDITS

ART 292 Honors Credit in Art (1-2 credits)

An independent study designed primarily for Honors Program students to allow more in-depth or comprehensive study for students concurrently enrolled in art course(s). Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

BIOL 292 Honors Credit in Biology (1 credit)

An independent study designed primarily for Honors Program students to allow more in-depth or comprehensive study for students concurrently enrolled in biology course(s). Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

CHEM 292 Honors Credit in Chemistry (1 credit)

An independent study designed primarily for Honors Program students to allow more in-depth or comprehensive study for students concurrently enrolled in chemistry course(s). Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

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Note: While every effort is made to ensure accuracy, SMSU reserves the right to correct any clerical errors herein.

COMP 292 Honors Credit in Computer Science (1-4 credits)

An independent study designed primarily for Honors Program students to allow more in-depth or comprehensive study for students concurrently enrolled in computer science course(s). Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

ED 292 Honors Credit in Education (1-3 credits)

An independent study designed primarily for Honors Program students to allow more in-depth or comprehensive study for students concurrently enrolled in education course(s). Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

ENG 292 Honors Credit in American Language (1 credit)

An independent study designed primarily for Honors Program students to allow more in-depth or comprehensive study for students concurrently enrolled in American language course(s). Prerequisite: consent of instructor

FREN 292 Honors Credit in French (1 credit)

An independent study designed primarily for Honors Program students to allow more in-depth or comprehensive study for students concurrently enrolled in French course(s). Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

GER 292 Honors Credit in German (1 credit)

An independent study designed primarily for Honors Program students to allow more in-depth or comprehensive study for students concurrently enrolled in German course(s). Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

HLTH 292 Honors Credit in Health (1-4 credits)

An independent study designed primarily for Honors Program students to allow more in-depth or comprehensive study for students concurrently enrolled in health course(s). Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

HIST 292 Honors Credit in History (1 credit)

An independent study designed primarily for Honors Program students to allow more in-depth or comprehensive study for students concurrently enrolled in history course(s). Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

HUM 292 Honors Credit in Humanities (1 credit)

An independent study designed primarily for Honors Program students to allow more in-depth or comprehensive study for students concurrently enrolled in humanities course(s). Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

LIT 292 Honors Credit in Literature (1 credit)

An independent study designed primarily for Honors Program students to allow more in-depth or comprehensive study for students concurrently enrolled in literature course(s). Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

MATH 292 Honors Credit in Math (1-4 credits)

An independent study designed primarily for Honors Program students to allow more in-depth or comprehensive study for students concurrently enrolled in math course(s). Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

MUS 292 Honors Credit in Music (1-4 credits)

An independent study designed primarily for Honors Program students to allow more in-depth or comprehensive study for students concurrently enrolled in music course(s). Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

PHIL 292 Honors Credit in Philosophy (1 credit)

An independent study designed primarily for Honors Program students to allow more in-depth or comprehensive study for students concurrently enrolled in philosophy course(s). Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

PE 292 Honors Credit in Physical Education (1-4 credit)

An independent study designed primarily for Honors Program students to allow more in-depth or comprehensive study for students concurrently enrolled in physical education course(s). Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

PSYC 292 Honors Credit in Psychology (1 credit)

An independent study designed primarily for Honors Program students to allow more in-depth or comprehensive study for students concurrently enrolled in psychology course(s). Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

POL 292 Honors Credit in Political Science (1 credit)

An independent study designed primarily for Honors Program students to allow more in-depth or comprehensive study for students concurrently enrolled in political science course(s). Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

SPAN 292 Honors Credit in Spanish (1 credit)

An independent study designed primarily for Honors Program students to allow more in-depth or comprehensive study for students concurrently enrolled in spanish course(s). Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

SPCH 292 Honors Credit in Speech Communication (1-4 credits)

An independent study designed primarily for Honors Program students to allow more in-depth or comprehensive study for students concurrently enrolled in speech communication course(s). Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

THTR 292 Honors Credit in Theatre Arts (1-4 credits)

An independent study designed primarily for Honors Program students to allow more in-depth or comprehensive study for students concurrently enrolled in theatre course(s). Prerequisite: consent of instructor.