Honors Core Curriculum

Students in the University Honors Program must fulfill all Honors core requirements, which replace and satisfy the university’s general education requirements. Although some Honors core requirements may be satisfied by non-HON courses, students need to complete at least 31 credits of HON prefix courses in order to complete the University Honors requirements.

Honors First Year Seminar  1 credit
- HON 105H (must be taken during the first year)

English Composition and Literature Requirement  9 credits
- HON 100H (must be taken during the first year), and
- HON 110H, and
- HON 115H

Honors Public Speaking  3 credits
- HON 190AH (must be taken during the first year)

Constitution Requirement  minimum 3 credits*
- HON 111H or HON 112H (Or an appropriate history or political science course)

Mathematics Requirement  minimum 3 credits*
- MATH 124 or higher as approved by the Honors College
This requirement can also be satisfied by:
  o HON 181H as equivalent to MATH 181, and
  o HON 182H as equivalent to MATH 182

Life and Physical Sciences Requirement  minimum 7 credits*
- HON 280H (or any one non-lab science course), and
- HON 230H or HON 235H (or any one laboratory science course)
Two lab science courses can satisfy this requirement

Social Science Requirement  9 credits*
- two (2) of the required HON 400H courses can be applied to 6 credits of this requirement, and
- one (1) HON 200xH (or any approved social science course) can satisfy 3 credits of this requirement.
  o 200AH - Psychology,
  o 200BH - Microeconomics,
  o 200CH - Macroeconomics,
  o 200DH - Sociology,
  o 200EH – Cultural Anthropology
Courses used to satisfy the Constitutions requirement may not be used to meet the Social Science requirement.

Analytical (Critical) Thinking Requirement  3 credits*
- HON 102H or PHIL 102
Analytical thinking is not required by all majors. Please check with your Honors College advisor for details.

Multicultural Requirement  3 credits*
- HON 400MH (or any approved course)
For a list of additional acceptable courses that satisfy the multicultural requirement, please see the University of Nevada, Las Vegas General Education Core Requirements
**Fine Arts Requirement**  3 credits*

- HON 400FAH (or any approved course)

Please see the [University of Nevada, Las Vegas General Education Core Requirements](#) for a list of courses that fulfill this requirement. HON 400FAH satisfies this requirement.

**Foreign Language Requirement**  minimum 6 credits

Honors students have several options to complete this requirement. Students may take one language through intermediate level II, or two different languages through elementary level II. Students with foreign language experience, even without formal training or other credentials, may use credit by examination or seek placement into a higher level course through the Foreign Languages department. Placement into higher level courses may waive the lower level requirement but all students will be required to take a minimum of six credits.

**Honors Seminar Requirement**  12 credits

A total of four HON 400H and/or HON 400xH special topic seminars need to be taken during the junior and senior years. With prior approval, a study abroad course may replace one HON 400H course. All students must take at least two HON 400H seminars. Some HON 400H seminars can also be used to satisfy Social Science, Multicultural, International or Fine Arts requirements. Consult with your Honors College advisor for more information.

**International Requirement**  3 credits*

The Honors College Foreign Language requirement satisfies the International requirement for University Honors students, except for students using only Latin courses to satisfy their foreign language requirement. HON 400IH also satisfies this requirement.

**AP and IB Examination Information**

All AP and IB higher level exam credits can be used to substitute items in the Honor Core Curriculum, with the exception of the English Language/Composition and Literature/Composition tests. The Honors College will still require students earning ENG 101 credit through AP or IB to take all three Honors English classes. Substituted classes do not count toward the 31 credit Honors class requirement; however, all your AP or IB credits will be integrated into your program of study. Contact your Honors College advisor for more information.

**Total Credits**

The total number of credits required to graduate with a University Honors designation varies, as many courses in the Honors core curriculum can satisfy multiple requirements simultaneously or be satisfied by courses from outside the core. The required number of HON Prefix courses is a set number, but the total number of credits needed to complete the Honors Core can vary as illustrated below.

**Required HON Prefix Credits** ............... 31

**Total Honors Core Credits** ............... 47 – 74*

* There are limitations and exceptions for course usage and advising is essential to ensure proper usage of course credit.