

UNLV | HONORS COLLEGE

University Honors Curriculum

Students in the University Honors Program complete the following requirements. These classes replace and satisfy the university's general education and distribution requirements.

1. **Honors Specific Classes** – *All University Honors students must complete the following courses:*

Honors First-Year Seminar - 1 credit

- HON 105 (must be taken during the first year; only offered during fall semester)

English Composition and Literature Requirement - 6 credits

- HON 100 (must be taken during the first year)
- HON 110 (the Second-Year Seminar requirement is satisfied by HON 110)

Honors Public Speaking - 3 credits

- HON 101 (must be taken during the first year)

Global Issues - 3 credits

- HON 115 (satisfies Humanities and International requirement)

Honors Seminar Requirement - 12 credits

Four HON 410-440 seminars must be completed. These are all **special topics** seminars that change every semester and are designed to give Honors College students an innovative, exclusive, and multidisciplinary education. With prior approval, students may be able to substitute one study abroad course per semester, a graduate class, HON 395, or two 400-level Global Entrepreneurial Experience classes for HON 400-level seminars. Consult with your Honors College advisor for more information. Students must take at least two HON 410-440 seminars.

Additional Coursework - 3 credits

A total of three additional HON credits. This requirement cannot be satisfied using any of the classes listed above; however, any HON credits taken to satisfy the requirements listed below can be used.

2. **Non-Honors Specific Classes** – *All University Honors students must satisfy these requirements by completing HON classes or other approved classes that meet these requirements as spelled out in the General Education section of the catalog.*

Constitution Requirement - minimum 3 credits

- HON 111 or HON 112 (Or an appropriate history or political science course)

Mathematics Requirement - minimum 3 credits

- HON 124, MATH 124, or any higher level mathematics class approved by the Honors College

Life and Physical Sciences Requirement - minimum 7 credits

- Two courses from the life and physical sciences (at least one of which must be a laboratory course). Select from AST courses; ANTH 102, 110L; NUTR 121; any BIOL course; any CHEM course (except CHEM 103 and CHEM 108); EGG 100, ENV 101, 220; any GEOG course; and GEOL course; or any PHYS course.

Social Science Requirement - 3 credits

- HON 201-206 (or any approved social science course) can satisfy this requirement.

Social Science Requirement, continued - 3 credits

- HON 112 may be used to satisfy this requirement if it is not used to satisfy the Constitutions requirement.

Fine Arts Requirement - 3 credits

- HON 420 (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.

Multicultural Requirement - 3 credits*

- HON 440 or HON 206 (or any UNLV 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](#).

Analytical (Critical) Thinking Requirement - 3 credits

- HON 102 or PHIL 102, COM 104, COM 217, FIN 111, or JOUR 113 (please consult with Honors advisor for additional guidance)

World Language Requirement - 0-6 credits

Honors students have several options to complete this requirement. Students may take one language through elementary level II. Students that test into 114 through the Department of World Languages can satisfy the requirement by successfully completing 114. Placement into a 213-level or higher course completely satisfies this requirement. If a student takes Latin, they must complete a 3-credit class that satisfies the International requirement. Students should speak with their Honors College advisor regarding possible waiver options for the world language requirement.

Required HON Prefix Credits.....28**Total University Honors Credits.....28-74****NOTES:****AP and IB Examination Information**

Many AP and IB higher level exam credits can be used to substitute items in the University Honor Curriculum, with the exception of the English Language/Composition and Literature/Composition tests. The Honors College requires students earning ENG 101 credit through AP or IB to take two Honors English classes. Substituted classes do not count toward the 28 credit Honors prefix 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 curriculum can simultaneously satisfy multiple requirements or be satisfied by non-Honors courses. The required number of HON Prefix courses is a set number, but the total number of credits needed to complete the Honors curriculum can vary.

Advising

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