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 105 (must be taken during the first year)

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

Honors Public Speaking  3 credits
- HON 101 (must be taken during the first year)

Constitution Requirement  minimum 3 credits*
- HON 111 or HON 112 (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 181 as equivalent to MATH 181, and
  o HON 182 as equivalent to MATH 182

Life and Physical Sciences Requirement  minimum 7 credits*
- HON 280 (or any one non-lab science course), and
- HON 230 or HON 231 (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 400 courses can be applied to 6 credits of this requirement, and
- one (1) HON 201-205 (or any approved social science course) can satisfy 3 credits of this requirement.
  o 201 - Psychology,
  o 202 - Microeconomics,
  o 203 - Macroeconomics,
  o 204 - Sociology,
  o 205 – 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 102 or PHIL 102
Analytical thinking is not required by all majors. Please check with your Honors College advisor for details.

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 410-440 seminars need to be taken during the junior and senior years. With prior approval, a study abroad course may replace one HON 400 level seminar. All students must take at least two HON 410 seminars. All HON 410 seminars can also be used to satisfy the Social Science requirement. Consult with your Honors College advisor for more information.

**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. All HON 420 classes satisfy this requirement.

**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. All HON 430 classes satisfy this requirement.

**Multicultural Requirement** 3 credits*  
- HON 440 (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. All HON440 classes satisfy 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.