

HONORS COURSEWORK

FMU Honors students typically begin with a 1-hour University Life 100/Honors course, proceed through 100- and 200-level general education courses, and complete their Honors course of study with 300- and 400-level courses.

UNIVERSITY LIFE 100/HONORS (1 credit hour): In this course, students are introduced to skills and strategies that will enhance their study habits and ability to succeed in college, and familiarized with the resources available to help solve academic, professional and personal problems. Honors sections of UL 100 also incorporate a common text and/or activity and introduce students to FMU Honors policies.

HONORS 200/SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM (1 hour): This is a weekly discussion forum that asks students to attend and respond to the weekly Science Symposium. It is offered spring and fall semesters and carries elective but not General Education or other credit, and is assessed as S (Satisfactory) or U (Unsatisfactory). It may be taken twice for credit.

HONORS 201/HUMANTIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM (1 hour): This is a weekly discussion forum in which students discuss recent art/cultural events such as plays, concerts, Humanities/Social Science lectures, etc., or meet with area artists, lecturers or arts advocates. It is offered each fall semester and carries elective but not General Education or other credit, and is assessed as S (Satisfactory) or U (Unsatisfactory). It may be taken twice for credit.

HONORS 202/BUSINESS LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM (1 hour): In this course students meet once a week with local civic leaders, entrepreneurs, university administrators or other luminaries and discuss such relevant topics as downtown development, philanthropy, etc. It is offered each spring semester and carries elective but not General Education or other credit, and is assessed as S (Satisfactory) or U (Unsatisfactory). It may be taken twice for credit.

GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES (3 or 4 hours): Because Honors students should take most of their Honors courses during their first two years of college, FMU Honors offers Honors sections of courses needed to fulfill General Education requirements. These include Honors sections of Speech Communication 101, Business 150, English 200, Political Science 101, Mathematics 134—the basic staples of FMU's undergraduate curriculum.

SPECIAL TOPICS COURSES (3 or 4 hours): Special Topics courses are available only to Honors students and taught by faculty interested in innovation and indulging their appetites for challenging subject matter. These courses are:

- **HONORS 250-259/SPECIAL TOPICS IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES (3 hours):** Course topics may be interdisciplinary and cover innovative, non-

traditional topics within the Social Sciences such as The Personal Presidency, Humor in Society, The Politics of Financial Crisis, Gender and Power, etc. These courses may be taken for General Education credit (areas 2c and 4 in the FMU catalog) and apply toward appropriate majors with permission of chair or dean.

- **HONORS 260-269/SPECIAL TOPICS IN THE HUMANITIES (3 hours):** Course topics may be interdisciplinary and cover innovative, non-traditional topics within the Humanities, such as The Brothers Grimm, American Outlaws, US History Through Fiction, Film Noir, Non-Classic Logic, Introduction to Existentialism, etc. These courses may be taken for General Education credit (areas 3d and 4 in the FMU catalog) and apply toward appropriate majors with permission of chair or dean.

- **HONORS 270-279/SPECIAL TOPICS IN THE BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES (3 or 4 hours):** Course topics may be interdisciplinary and cover innovative, non-traditional topics within the Behavioral Sciences, such as Psychology of Medicine, the Psychology of Corrections, Psychology in the Cinema, etc. These courses may be taken for General Education (area 4 in the FMU catalog) and apply toward appropriate majors with permission of chair or dean.

- **HONORS 280-289/ SPECIAL TOPICS IN THE NATURAL SCIENCES (3 or 4)** Course topics may be interdisciplinary and cover innovative, non-traditional topics within the Natural Sciences, such as The Biology of Cancer, the Neurobiology of Crime, Sustainable Food, the History of Science, etc. These courses may be taken for General Education credit (area 6c in the FMU catalog) and apply toward appropriate majors with permission of chair or dean.

- **HONORS 350/THE MODEL UN EXPERIENCE (3 hours):** This course provides a history of the United Nations and prepares students for the National Model United Nations (NMUN) conference, held each year in New York City. Students will learn about the League of Nations and the function of the United Nations, the policies of the country to which FMU is assigned, the development of position papers, the importance of caucusing and diplomacy, and the process of writing a working paper and turning it into a resolution. Students will take quizzes, participate in in-class simulations, practice writing position and working papers, and demonstrate that they have prepared themselves for the NMUN conference. May be taken twice for credit.

HONORS 391/HONORS INDEPENDENT STUDY WORKSHOP (1 hour): (Prerequisite: Completion of 12 or more hours of Honors courses or permission of Honors Director.) This course is optional for students planning to complete Honors 491/Honors Independent Study the following semester. Students work with the Honors Director to plan for their Independent Study project, to select and begin work with their Study Director, and to prepare and submit an acceptable proposal to the Honors Committee. This course carries elective but not general education, departmental, or school credit. It is Assessed as S (satisfactory) or U (unsatisfactory) and may be taken for credit only once.

HONORS 397/HONORS COLLOQUIUM (3 hours): (Prerequisite: Completion of 12 or more hours of Honors courses or permission of Honors Director.) This course deals with offers Honors students the opportunity to examine unique subjects which do not fall within the province of any one department or school. Examples include Utopias & Dystopias, The Vietnam War and American Culture, Climate Change and Society, and Bodies of Information. It carries elective but not departmental or school credit. It may be taken twice for credit. Grades below B do not count toward credit for the Honors degree, although they do count toward regular University degree requirements. Honors nursing majors may substitute Honors 397 Colloquium with an Honors or contract section of IPHC 500 Rural Health Care.

HONORS 491-499/HONORS INDEPENDENT STUDY (3 hours): (Prerequisite: Completion of 12 or more hours of Honors courses or permission of Honors Director) This course is a semester-long research topic that allows the student to pursue independent academic work, normally in the area of major concentration, under the guidance of a faculty mentor. It typically takes the form of a research project or thesis. Topics must be approved by both the appropriate department chairman or dean and the Honors Committee. Projects are reviewed by three faculty members from two different disciplines. Grades below B do not count toward credit for the Honors degree, although they do count toward regular University degree requirements. This course may be taken a second time in a second discipline. 497 Special Studies in various disciplines, PRS 499 Advanced Study, or Nursing 445 Guided Nursing Elective may be taken for Honors credit, by special arrangement, in place of 491-499.

NOTES: An acceptable substitute for HONRS 397 is the successful completion of a semester in one of our official International Exchange Programs, earning a GPA of B or higher for that semester's work. In such cases, the grade point average requirement for graduating "With University Honors" will be calculated out of 18 Honors credit hours rather than 21.

Students who successfully complete the 15-hour Washington Semester Program may count all 15 hours toward Honors. Three of these (either POL 497-H WS, ENG 498-H WS, or PSY 310-H WS) in place of 491-499. Grades below B do not count toward credit for the Honors degree, although they do count toward regular degree requirements.