

University Honors Program Requirements for HNS & CSS Students Fall 2010 – Spring 2013

Common curriculum requirements for students are determined by major. Once those common curriculum requirements are determined, Honors students are eligible for the following:

Honors students do not take T-level courses in the common curriculum. Honors students complete college and major common curriculum requirements with a combination of Honors-level courses (H) and advanced common curriculum courses (U-Z preferred), with a minimum number of Honors courses required for completion of the Honors Program.

Honors Curriculum Totals: Minimum 27 H-hours

1. Honors FYS = 3 H-hours
2. Honors in the common curriculum = 24 H-hours
3. Honors Thesis or Departmental Project = 0 – 3 H-Hours; all Honors students must complete such a project to be eligible for graduation in Honors
4. Additional common curriculum requirements determined by college or major; can be satisfied with H-hours or Advanced common curriculum courses (U-Z preferred)
5. Honors electives = Defined based on each student's Regular Honors curriculum exceptions

Honors First Year Seminar maps onto the DPCL with the determination of the college, based on where regular common curriculum first-year seminars are being placed. This should be consistent among students in the same college. **Total HFYS hours: 3.**

Minimum Honors-level (H) course requirements:

Honors English/Literature – 3 hours

Honors History – 3 hours

Honors Philosophy – 3 hours

Honors RELS – 3 hours

Honors Natural Science – 3 hours

Honors Social Science (includes Economics) – 3 hours

Honors Fine Arts – 3 hours

Honors Mathematics – 3 hours

Total H-hours: 24

Honors students are encouraged to take more than the minimum Honors requirements, and can complete their entire college or major common curriculum with H-level courses, if such courses are available. It is expected that the majority of Honors students will complete their college or major common curriculum requirements with a combination of H-level courses and Advanced common curriculum courses (U-Z preferred).

Honors Thesis/Senior Project requirement:

All Honors students must complete an original work of undergraduate research, thesis, or senior project and the project's associated research and revisions process. Completion and public presentation of the work is required for completion of the Honors Program. This is usually accomplished in one of two ways:

1. **HONSH 491 Honors Thesis** – This is a 3 H-hour course that students usually take in the Fall of their senior year. They work closely with the Honors Director and a faculty thesis advisor to

complete their original work. Presentations are sponsored by the Honors Program during the Spring semester. College academic counselors usually place this Honors requirement in an elective category.

2. Departmental Research/Thesis/Project – Many university departments offer a course for student participation in an original work of undergraduate research, thesis, or senior capstone project; and some tie completion of such a project to “Departmental Honors” distinction. The Honors Program encourages Honors students to participate in such courses where available, as completion and presentation of such a project in a departmental setting will satisfy the Honors thesis requirement, if not the H-hours associated (please see below).
3. Honors Thesis Hours: The Honors Program has articulated with some departments which courses will satisfy both the thesis requirement and the H-hours, but in most cases, receiving Departmental major credit cannot double-dip with H-hours.

Honors students completing a project for Honors credit may count those H-hours towards any Honors electives required due to regular Honors curriculum exceptions as described below.

4. Departmental Information: Students completing Departmental projects must inform the Honors Program of their intention to complete a Departmental project and identify the associated course, professor, and time of Departmental presentation of work. The Honors Program may also require periodic updates from students completing a Departmental project, and many students completing Departmental projects find it helpful to attend information sessions and research workshops hosted in coordination with the Honors Program and the Monroe Library.

Regular Honors curriculum exceptions:

1. T-Level Courses: Some students join the Honors Program after beginning their enrollment at Loyola, and have several T-level courses or a non-Honors FYS on their academic record. In order to make the Honors Program more accessible to these students, while maintaining the robust Honors curriculum already in place, the following rules apply.
 - a. A student may use up to 2 T-level courses to satisfy Honors Program distribution requirements (usually English, History, Philosophy, RELS). Honors-level credit is not awarded under these rules, however. This could create up to 2 Honors elective course requirements (6 H-hours) that the student could satisfy with other courses in the process of completing college or major common curriculum requirements.
 - b. If possible, the student should satisfy the remaining requirement with an Honors course in the same distribution area. For example, many majors require two History courses to complete the common curriculum. If an Honors student had already received a T-level exception for a T-level History course, the Honors Program prefers the student take the remaining History requirement in the Honors Program with H-hours. It is understood that this is not always possible, and the Honors Director or Honors Advisor should be consulted.
 - c. Other T-level courses taken before acceptance to the Honors Program can be used to fill college or major common curriculum requirements in place of an Advanced common curriculum course (U-Z preferred).

- d. If a student completes a non-Honors FYS before joining the Honors Program, completion of the Honors FYS is excused, but an additional 3 H-hours of Honors electives in any Honors offering must be completed.
 - e. T-level courses excepted through testing or placement cannot count for Honors curriculum satisfaction.
 - f. Individual situational exceptions to these rules can be granted by the Honors Program Director on a case-by-case basis.
2. MATHA257 Calculus 1 Exception: Students who have credit for MATHA257 Calculus 1, or a comparable transfer course (including AP credit accepted by Loyola), are considered to have satisfied the Honors Math distribution requirement, but not the H-hours associated with that requirement. This could create 1 Honors elective course requirement (3 H-hours) that the student could satisfy with another course while completing college or major common curriculum requirements.
3. Natural Sciences A100+ Exception: Students who have credit for any A-level Natural Science courses numbered 100 or above, or a comparable transfer course (including AP credit accepted by Loyola), are considered to have satisfied the Honors Natural Science requirement, but not the H-hours associated with that requirement. This could create 1 Honors elective course requirement (3 H-hours) that the student could satisfy with another course while completing college or major common curriculum requirements.