Honors-General (GN_HON)

GN_HON 1010H: Career Explorations
Colloquia in which experts from both the University and the Columbia communities discuss their specialties and answer students’ questions on the nature and current status of their disciplines. Open primarily to freshmen. Graded on an S/U basis only.
Credit Hour: 1
Prerequisites: Honors eligibility required

GN_HON 1030H: Honors Discussion Groups
Informal discussion between students and faculty on various academic topics. Graded S/U only.
Credit Hour: 1-2
Prerequisites: Honors eligibility required

GN_HON 1050H: Honors Seminar
Freshman-sophomore seminar offering a small group opportunity to write about and discuss basic works chosen by instructor.
Credit Hour: 1-3
Prerequisites: Honors eligibility required

GN_HON 1070H: Honors Elective Colloquium
Credit Hour: 2-3
Prerequisites: Honors eligibility required

GN_HON 1080H: Honors Internship
Independent study under the supervision of a regular faculty member.
Credit Hour: 1-3
Prerequisites: written proposal with professor’s approval submitted in advance to Director of the Honors College. Honors eligibility required

GN_HON 2010H: Honors Tutorial
Small group of students (2-5) engage in collaborative work under faculty guidance. The focus is determined in advance by a faculty member and shaped through discussion with the enrolled students. Course may be repeated for credit. Honors eligibility required
Credit Hour: 1-3
Prerequisites: instructor’s consent

GN_HON 2015H: Theory and Practice of Tutoring Writing Seminar (same as ENGLSH 2015H). Addresses both the theory and practice of tutoring and the foundations of good writing. This course also qualifies students for a part-time job working as Writing Lab/Online Writery tutors in future semesters.
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: ENGLSH 1000; instructor’s consent

GN_HON 2111H: The Ancient World
The reading list is comprised of the great writers of classical Greece and Rome such as Homer, Sophocles, Plato, Aristotle, Virgil and Apuleius, and of the biblical period, the authors of the Book of Job and the Gospel of Mark.
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Honors eligibility required

GN_HON 2111HW: The Ancient World - Honors/Writing Intensive
(same as ENGLSH 2111H). The reading list is comprised of the great writers of classical Greece and Rome such as Homer, Sophocles, Plato, Aristotle, Virgil and Apuleius, and of the biblical period, the authors of the Book of Job and the Gospel of Mark.
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Honors eligibility required
GN_HON 2112H: The Middle Ages and the Renaissance
The literature, art and philosophy which reflect the interaction of biblical
thought with the classical past, and ultimately an emerging humanism,
form the contents of the second semester. Readings include selections
from such central figures as Aquinas, Chaucer, Dante, and Shakespeare.
Special lectures are presented on the art, architecture and music of these
eras.
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Honors eligibility required

GN_HON 2112HW: The Middle Ages and the Renaissance - Honors/
Writing Intensive
The literature, art and philosophy which reflect the interaction of biblical
thought with the classical past, and ultimately an emerging humanism,
form the contents of the second semester. Readings include selections
from such central figures as Aquinas, Chaucer, Dante, and Shakespeare.
Special lectures are presented on the art, architecture and music of these
eras.
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Honors eligibility required

GN_HON 2113H: The Early Modern World: The 17th-19th Centuries
Enlightenment
The third segment of the Sequence treats the cultural developments in
the West from the Baroque to the Enlightenment through Romanticism.
The works of Cervantes, Descartes, Milton, Voltaire, Kant, Austen,
Goethe, and Dickinson are among those studied. The music and visual
arts of these periods are also included.
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Honors eligibility required

GN_HON 2114H: The Modern Era
The final semester of the Humanities Sequence deals with the intellectual
and cultural developments from the mid-nineteenth to the late twentieth
century. Lectures and discussions will be held on the philosophy of Marx,
Nietzsche, Sartre and Hannah Arendt; on the literary works of Dickens,
Special lectures are presented on the music of the period.
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Honors eligibility required

GN_HON 2114HW: The Modern Era - Honors/Writing Intensive
The final semester of the Humanities Sequence deals with the intellectual
and cultural developments from the mid-nineteenth to the late twentieth
century. Lectures and discussions will be held on the philosophy of Marx,
Nietzsche, Sartre and Hannah Arendt; on the literary works of Dickens,
Special lectures are presented on the music of the period.
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Honors eligibility required

GN_HON 2120H: Honors Humanities Colloquium
Credit Hour: 2-3
Prerequisites: Honors eligibility required

GN_HON 2230H: Honors Social Science Colloquium
Credit Hour: 2-3
Prerequisites: Honors eligibility required

GN_HON 2230HW: Honors Social Science Colloquium - Honors/
Writing Intensive
Credit Hour: 2-3
Prerequisites: Honors eligibility required

GN_HON 2231H: Genocide in the Modern World: An Introduction
This course examines the multitude of genocide's facets - its causes,
course of events, consequences, and the pursuit of prevention and
punishment - since the advent of the Twentieth Century (with some
examination of historical antecedents). Specific historical and conceptual
aspects of various case studies will be examined and a framework for the
study of genocide will be developed and applied, starting with the legal
definition of genocide and ending with very nuanced theories, behaviors,
and components of specific events. The class will use foundational case
studies to understand the place of genocide throughout history and end
with an investigation into current and on-going genocides, as well as the
international pursuit of justice in the wake of these events. Graded on A-
F basis only.
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Honors eligibility required

GN_HON 2243H: Human Sciences Sequence I: Personal Identity
This interdisciplinary course approached the perennial but fascinating
question of how we define, develop, and present ourselves. It considers
this question from a range of disciplinary, regional, and thematic
perspectives.
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Honors eligibility required

GN_HON 2244H: Social Relations
This interdisciplinary course explores the construction of human identity
as it related to social groups (these groups might include anything from
the family to fan clubs, sports teams to college students).
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Honors eligibility required

GN_HON 2245H: Social Organization
This course examines various forms of social organization from an
interdisciplinary perspective. The course will examine small organizations
(such as families and kin networks) that are grounded in face-to-face
relationships and then consider the impact of large-scale organizations
(such as markets and states). The class will also explore how these
larger organizations can hold together in the absence of direct personal
connections between members.
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Honors eligibility required

GN_HON 2246H: Global Citizenship
This course continues our introduction to the fundamental problems and
concepts of social science by concentrating on today's emerging global
society and the ways in which it shapes social identity. The course also
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GN_HON 2246HW: Global Citizenship - Honors/Writing Intensive
This course continues our introduction to the fundamental problems and concepts of social science by concentrating on today's emerging global society and the ways in which it shapes social identity. The course also aims at encouraging students to think of themselves as global citizens - people who possess a sense of their own role as citizens of the world.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Honors eligibility required

GN_HON 2310H: Honors Behavioral Science Colloquium
Credit Hour: 2-3
Prerequisites: Honors eligibility required

GN_HON 2450H: Honors Biological, Physical, Math (Computer Science) Science Colloquium
Open to all honors-eligible students. These courses may be cross-listed with Biological, Physical or Mathematical Science Departments. Interdisciplinary or experimental courses are encouraged.

Credit Hour: 1-3
Prerequisites: Honors eligibility required

GN_HON 2456H: Honors Math (Computer Science) Science Colloquium
Open to all honors-eligible students. These courses may be cross-listed with Mathematical Science Departments. Interdisciplinary or experimental courses are encouraged.

Credit Hour: 1-3
Prerequisites: Honors eligibility required

GN_HON 2457H: Honors Physical Science Colloquium
Open to all honors-eligible students. These courses may be cross-listed with Physical Science Departments. Interdisciplinary or experimental courses are encouraged.

Credit Hour: 1-3
Prerequisites: Honors eligibility required

GN_HON 2481H: Environment: From Molecules to the Cosmos
Inquiry-based exploration of how the world was made, environments formed, life evolved, and how it works together to sustain life on Earth. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Honors eligibility required

GN_HON 2462H: Energy: From Particles to Civilizations
Inquiry based exploration of energy, what it is, how it is used, and how it sustains our life on Earth. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Honors eligibility required

GN_HON 2950H: Honors Preceptorship
Active participation in a professor's research for up to six hours a week.

Credit Hour: 1-3
Prerequisites: written description of the work with professor's approval submitted in advance to Director of the Honors College. Honors eligibility required

GN_HON 3070H: Honors Electives Colloquium
Credit Hour: 2-3
Prerequisites: Honors eligibility required

GN_HON 3070HW: Honors Electives Colloquium - Honors/Writing Intensive
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Credit Hour: 2-3
Prerequisites: Honors eligibility required

GN_HON 3112H: Interdisciplinary Topics in the Humanities: Aesthetics and Performance
Aesthetics and Performance is the 2nd course offered in a four-semester, upper-level Humanities Series. It takes an Interdisciplinary approach to a variety of topics relevant to such disciplines as Art History, Art, Theater, English, and Film Studies. Students will be introduced to key figures, ideas, and texts in aesthetics and performance. The course format will be a combination of guest lectures, small-group discussion, and when possible, team-teaching. May be repeated for credit.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: junior or senior standing. Honors eligibility required

GN_HON 3113H: Interdisciplinary Topics in the Humanities: Big Ideas, Big Questions
Big Ideas, Big Questions is the third course offered in a four-semester, upper-level Humanities Series. It takes an interdisciplinary approach to concepts, theories, debates, and questions central to our understanding of the humanities.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: upper-level standing or permission of instructor; Honors eligibility required

GN_HON 3120H: Honors Humanities Colloquium
Credit Hour: 2-3
Prerequisites: junior standing. Honors eligibility required

GN_HON 3120HW: Honors Humanities Colloquium - Honors/Writing Intensive
Credit Hour: 2-3
Prerequisites: junior standing. Honors eligibility required
GN_HON 3210H: Honors Behavioral Colloquium
Credit Hour: 2-3
Prerequisites: junior standing. Honors eligibility required

GN_HON 3210HW: Honors Behavioral Colloquium - Honors/Writing Intensive
Credit Hour: 2-3
Prerequisites: junior standing. Honors eligibility required

GN_HON 3230H: Honors Social Science Colloquium
Credit Hour: 2-3
Prerequisites: junior standing required. Honors eligibility required

GN_HON 3230HW: Honors Social Science Colloquium - Honors/Writing Intensive
Credit Hour: 2-3
Prerequisites: junior standing required. Honors eligibility required

GN_HON 3241H: Evolution of Human Nature
(same as ANTHRO 3340H). We will investigate the topic of human nature, asking such questions as: What are we like? Why do we behave the way we do? Are we inherently selfish or social? Do we have a unitary "self" or are we made up of many (and sometimes contradictory) selves? Is there a single "human" nature or are there distinct "male" and "female" natures? Does human nature vary across cultures? Insights come from fields ranging from genetics to literature. The concept of "human nature" is fiercely contested and debated both within and between academic disciplines. We will be focusing on the scientific study of human nature, seeking naturalistic explanations by formulating and testing hypotheses. In particular, we will use evolutionary theory to unify explanations from disparate disciplines like biology, psychology, and anthropology. In each class, we will discuss one specific topic like sex or violence and seek to make sense of it from both the proximate level (what triggers the behavior and how does it develop?) and the ultimate level (why and how did our evolutionary history imbue us with this capacity?). Graded on A-F basis only.
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Honors eligibility required

GN_HON 3241HW: Evolution of Human Nature - Honors/Writing Intensive
We will investigate the topic of human nature, asking such questions as: What are we like? Why do we behave the way we do? Are we inherently selfish or social? Do we have a unitary "self" or are we made up of many (and sometimes contradictory) selves? Is there a single "human" nature or are there distinct "male" and "female" natures? Does human nature vary across cultures? Insights come from fields ranging from genetics to literature. The concept of "human nature" is fiercely contested and debated both within and between academic disciplines. We will be focusing on the scientific study of human nature, seeking naturalistic explanations by formulating and testing hypotheses. In particular, we will use evolutionary theory to unify explanations from disparate disciplines like biology, psychology, and anthropology. In each class, we will discuss one specific topic like sex or violence and seek to make sense of it from both the proximate level (what triggers the behavior and how does it develop?) and the ultimate level (why and how did our evolutionary history imbue us with this capacity?). Graded on A-F basis only.
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Honors eligibility required

GN_HON 3242H: he Future Is Indigenous! - Honors
Today, Indigenous peoples around the world are reasserting an ancient idea that our human responsibilities to the planet come through place, and that our planetary responsibilities are fulfilled by investing in and learning from place. Place-based Indigenous thought and activism give us new ways of thinking about global citizenship within a more-than-human democracy of beings - a "pluriverse" - and changes our understanding of what it means to be human in the twenty-first century. After looking at the limitations of the system of global ethics in cosmopolitan philosophy, we will get acquainted with the "place thought" of three Indigenous peoples: the Western Apache of the USA, the Maori of Aotearoa/New Zealand, and the Huaorani of the Ecuadorian Amazon. This course satisfies three credit hours of general education requirements in the behavioral and social sciences and is part of the Honors College's Interdisciplinary Topics in the Human Sciences series. Graded on A-F basis only.
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Honors eligibility required

GN_HON 3242HW: The Future Is Indigenous! - Honors/Writing Intensive
Today, Indigenous peoples around the world are reasserting an ancient idea that our human responsibilities to the planet come through place, and that our planetary responsibilities are fulfilled by investing in and learning from place. Place-based Indigenous thought and activism give us new ways of thinking about global citizenship within a more-than-human democracy of beings - a "pluriverse" - and changes our understanding of what it means to be human in the twenty-first century. After looking at the limitations of the system of global ethics in cosmopolitan philosophy, we will get acquainted with the "place thought" of three Indigenous peoples: the Western Apache of the USA, the Maori of Aotearoa/New Zealand, and the Huaorani of the Ecuadorian Amazon. This course satisfies three credit hours of general education requirements in the behavioral and social sciences and is part of the Honors College's Interdisciplinary Topics in the Human Sciences series. Graded on A-F basis only.
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Honors eligibility required

GN_HON 3450H: Honors Physical Science Colloquium
Credit Hour: 2-3
Prerequisites: junior standing required. Honors eligibility required

GN_HON 3452H: Honors Biological Science Colloquium
Credit Hour: 2-3
Prerequisites: junior standing required. Honors eligibility required

GN_HON 3456H: Honors Math (Computer Sci.) Science Colloquium
Credit Hour: 2-3
Prerequisites: junior standing required. Honors eligibility required

GN_HON 4070H: Advanced Honors Elective Colloquium
These courses may be cross-listed with courses in graduate or professional programs or one-of-a-kind courses which may have no
other more appropriate academic home. Interdisciplinary or experimental courses are encouraged.

Credit Hour: 1-3
Prerequisites: Restricted to juniors and seniors. Honors eligibility required

GN_HON 4070HW: Advanced Honors Elective Colloquium - Writing Intensive
These courses may be cross-listed with courses in graduate or professional programs or one-of-a-kind courses which may have no other more appropriate academic home. Interdisciplinary or experimental courses are encouraged.

Credit Hour: 1-3
Prerequisites: Restricted to juniors and seniors. Honors eligibility required

GN_HON 4950H: Honors Preceptorship
Active participation in a professor's research for up to six hours a week.

Credit Hour: 2-3
Prerequisites: written description of the work with professor's approval submitted in advance to Director of the Honors College. Junior standing required. Honors eligibility required