

# Student Handbook



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HON 1000 First-Year Honors Seminar (does not fulfill a Core Curriculum requirement)

II. Six+ Courses (18 credits) from among Honors courses.

All Honors classes fulfill Core Curriculum (Core requirements are listed in parentheses below). Students should register for a of each of these courses. Current options include but are not limited to:

Course Number	Course Title	Core
ENL 1310	Academic Writing	A2
AAS 3100	Science, Technology, and Race	C2, IT4, IT6
PHL 1000	Introduction to Philosophy	D1
REL 3755	Asian Religions	D2 and IT3
REL 2240	Jesus and the Gospels	D2
HIS 2000	Ancient Mediterranean World	E1
ENL 2350	Study of Fiction	E2
ENL 2550	Study of Film	E3
PHL 2010	Foundations of Ethics	F1
ENL 2360	Diverse Voices in Literature	IT4, IT6

\*Note: Students are reminded that they must take an Honors designated section of the courses noted above to receive honors elective credit (except as noted below).

III. Accelerated 6-Year Law Scholars Program.

Students in the 6 Year Law Program major, are welcome to participate in the University Honors Program. Any student admitted to such a program must meet with Dr. Peterson during their first semester at Detroit Mercy to discuss expectations and requirements for completing both programs in three years. Benchmark requirements, applicable only to honors/6-year program students, will be built into the honors program to help facilitate student success. Honors/6-year program students who do



Honors website. The completed form must be returned to one of the Honors Directors to complete the registration process.

\*\*\*Starting in Fall 2020, all students at the thesis stage MUST attend a minimum of one Honors Roundtable Session each semester while enrolled in HON 4997, HON 4998, and HON 4999. These required sessions will allow you an opportunity to discuss challenges and strategies with other honors students at the thesis stage. Students will be notified of the date/time of each Honors Roundtable Session several weeks in advance. All sessions will be held in Gardella.

The Honors Thesis must be finished and defended before or during the semester the student intends to graduate (no later than the date set for Honors Convocation of student's final semester). Once completed, the student submits her or his thesis to the director for final approval. This is followed by a public oral defense of the thesis. Once the student completes the oral defense, a final, signed copy of the thesis is submitted to the library for cataloging.

## 5. COMMUNITY-ENGAGED SERVICE

The University Honors Program requires one hundred (100) hours of community-engaged service in accordance with the policies and procedures stipulated by the Institute for Leadership and Service (ILS) and Emerging Leaders Program (ELP). Students may fulfill the service requirement in several ways: through service-learning courses within the university, service undertaken by UHP as a group, individually arranged service through ILS approved





Incoming students may petition for a maximum of 3 Honors credits if they have earned Advance Placement (AP) scores of 4 or 5 in select subject areas. In rare cases incoming first-year students may also petition for transfer credit to count toward Honors requirements; however, decisions will be made by the Directors on a case-by-case basis. Students who are not in their first year will not be issued Honors credit for transfer courses. Non-Honors sections of courses taken at Detroit Mercy will not count for Honors credit unless permission has been granted by the Directors prior to registration for the course.

### Taking a Non-Honors Course for Honors Credit

Students may petition to take up to 2 and no more than 2 non-honors courses for honors credit. (Note: students who petition to have an Advance Placement (AP) score of 4 or 5 counted for honors credit may take up to 1 non-honors course for honors credit). Non-honors courses taken for honors credit will require additional work above-and-beyond what is required of other students in the course. Students must submit a completed [Adapting a Class for Honors Credit](#) (contact Dr. Peterson for a copy of the form) to the honors co-directors via email

. The form must be signed by the student, the instructor, and approved by the Honors Co-Directors.

## 9. STUDY ABROAD OPTION

University Honors recognizes the value of global learning experiences and, in keeping with this, makes it possible for students to complete a portion of the Honors curriculum through study abroad options. To pursue this option Honors students may apply for the

in non-Detroit Mercy-affiliated study abroad courses may petition the Honors Directors for Honors credit; this must happen before the study abroad takes place and may require submitting a course syllabus. Interested students should consult with the Language and Cultural Training program (313-993-1191) for more information and talk to the UHP Directors about applying for the Study Abroad Option.

#### 10. HONORS RECOGNITION UPON GRADUATION

Members of the University Honors Program who complete all of the graduation requirements for the program will:

Course Name & Core Objective	Suggested Term	Service
First-Year Honors Seminar	Fall 1st Year	<i>Complete 100 hours of service before the end of undergraduate program of study, which must be verified by the Institute for Leadership and Service and Emerging Leaders Program.</i>
1+ Honors Course		
1+ Honors Course	Winter 1st Year	
1+ Honors Course	Fall 2nd Year	
1+ Honors Course	Winter 2nd Year	
1+ Honors Course	Fall 3rd Year	
1+ Honors Course	Winter 3rd Year	
Honors Thesis		
HON 4997: Honors Thesis Proposal	Winter 3rd Year	<i>Participate in Honors Leadership Council</i>