

The Honors Program at Oakton: Fall 2024 Course Listings

Course/CRN	Format	Title	Day	Time	Instructor	Gen Eds / Concentrations
Honors Core Seminars: Learning Communities (*Co-requisites) and Interdisciplinary Research Labs						
PHL 204 0H1 CRN: 31586	DP 2735	Honors: Environmental Ethics* ¹	MW	11:00am-12:15pm	Tom Bowen Marian Staats	Humanities, Global Studies / Global Studies
EGL 135 0H1 CRN: 31587	DP 2735	Honors: Native American Literature* ¹	MW	12:30pm-1:45pm	Tom Bowen Marian Staats	Communications, U.S. Diversity / ESC, Great Books, WGSS
BIO 240 0YH CRN: 31153	Lee 342	Honors: Interdisciplinary Undergraduate Lab Research	TR	T 12:30pm-1:45pm R 11:30am-1:45pm	Gary Mines Suzanne Ziegenhorn	Lab-Life Science elective, Recommended for pre-majors
CHM 240 0YH CRN: 31063	Lee 342	Honors: Interdisciplinary Undergraduate Lab Research	TR	T 12:30am-1:45pm R 11:30am-1:45pm	Gary Mines Suzanne Ziegenhorn	Lab-Physical Science elective, Recommended for pre-majors
Honors Single Courses						
BIO 251 0H1 CRN: 31165	Lee 353	Honors: Microbiology	TR	TR 8:00am-11:00am TR 9:30am-11:00am	Suzanne Ziegenhorn	Lab-Life Science
EGL 101 0H1 CRN: 30605	DP 2735	Honors: Composition I	MW	9:30pm-10:45am	Olabisi Adenakan	Communications
HUM 122 0H1 CRN: 31460	RHC C110	Honors: Contemporary Culture and the Arts	W	6:00pm-8:50pm	Kristin McCartney	Humanities (Fine Arts) / WGSS, PSJ
MAT 131 0H1 CRN: 31055	DP 2735	Honors: Elementary Statistics	TR	10:00am-11:50am	Anna Hammer	Mathematics
PHL 110 HC1 CRN: 31584	Online Mix	Honors: Introduction to the Study of Religion	M	7:00pm-8:15pm	Charles Townsend	Humanities, Global Studies / Global Studies
PHL 160 0H1 CRN: 31585	DP2735	Honors: Social and Political Philosophy	TR	12:30pm-1:45pm	Patrick O'Donnell	Humanities / Great Books, PSJ, WGSS
SOC 103 HC1 CRN: 31335	Online Asynch	Honors: Social Problems	Asyn	Online Asynch, 12 Week (Late Start)	Megan Klein	Social and Behavioral Sciences, Global Studies, U.S. Diversity / PSJ

FAQ: Registering for Honors Courses at Oakton

How many Honors classes do I have to take? There are no minimum course requirements. We welcome all levels of participation!

Will Honors courses ruin my GPA? Many students get better grades in Honors than they ever have in the past. Honors academic work is not necessarily more work, but it is academic work of a *different* kind. Honors courses take students beyond the textbook and focus on experiential learning (student research, creative projects, site visits), co-curricular learning (guest speakers, arts events, conferences), and collaborative learning. More than mastering the course materials, your professors are there to help you become a more confident and engaged student.

Will it take me longer to graduate if I take Honors courses? Will they transfer? Nearly all of our courses will fulfill your general education requirements and are transferable in Illinois and nationally. To make your decisions easier, we list the **Gen Ed** (General Education) and **Concentration** requirements our courses fulfill with our course descriptions. Note that some courses (e.g., Microbiology) might count as electives for some students or as major requirements for others. In any case, every student is an individual, and every student can benefit from individualized Honors advising. Remember that you should also be meeting with your academic advisor, and they will be able to make sure our courses align with your degree plans. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions!

What kinds of courses are offered?

- **Honors sections of regular** Humanities and Arts, Social Science, and STEM courses.
- **Core Seminars** (one is required in order to complete the Honors Scholar Designation, many students take a few!):
 - **Interdisciplinary Undergrad Lab Research courses (BIO 240 and CHM 240):** These interdisciplinary courses are team-taught by two professors. Students learn how to conduct a literature review, design a research project, conduct the project, and present findings. Past students have presented at professional conferences, and participants receive priority consideration for an Oakton STEM paid summer internship.
 - **Learning Communities:** These seminars combine two courses from two different disciplines to allow for an interdisciplinary examination of complex topics, such as racial justice (e.g., Sociology and Statistics) or global ethics (e.g., Philosophy and Global Studies). The seminars are team-taught by two Honors professors, and all students enroll in both courses. Students and faculty form close bonds in these classes and often cite them as THE HIGHLIGHT of their Oakton education.
- **The Honors Contract.** Honors credit may not always be available in courses you need. Therefore, you may choose to earn Honors credit in regular classes by ‘contracting’ with your professor to work one-on-one and complete an additional project that enriches your experience of the non-Honors course.

More questions? We are here to help. We have regular virtual office hours. We also have an online Honors Student Handbook, a calendar with student workshops and other events, and a news section featuring additional information. Our email is always open for you.

Email: honors@oakton.edu

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