

## The Honors Program at Oakton College: Fall 2023 Course Listings

| Course/CRN  | Format             | Title  | Day | Time                                  | Instructor                       | Gen Eds / Concentrations   |
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| <b>Core Seminars: Learning Community (*Co-requisites) &amp; Interdisciplinary Research Labs</b> |                    |  |     |                                       |                                  |  |
| SOC 103 0H1<br>CRN: 31612   | DP 2735            | Honors: Social Problems*                             | MW  | 9:00am-10:15am                        | Mario Borha<br>Megan Klein       | Soc. & Behavioral Sciences, Global Stud., U.S. Div., Mathematics / PSJ |
| MAT 131 0H1<br>CRN: 31226   | DP 2735            | Honors: Elementary Statistics*                       | MW  | 10:30am-12:20pm                       | Mario Borha<br>Megan Klein       | Soc. & Behavioral Sciences, Global Stud., U.S. Div., Mathematics / PSJ |
| BIO 240 0YH<br>CRN: 31352   | Lee 342            | Honors: Interdisciplinary Undergraduate Lab Research | TR  | T 12:30pm-1:45pm<br>R 11:30am-1:45pm  | Gary Mines<br>Suzanne Ziegenhorn | Lab-Life Science elective, Recommended for pre-majors                  |
| CHM 240 0YH<br>CRN: 31236   | Lee 342            | Honors: Interdisciplinary Undergraduate Lab Research | TR  | T 12:30pm-1:45pm<br>R 11:30am-1:45pm  | Gary Mines<br>Suzanne Ziegenhorn | Lab-Physical Science elective, Recommended for pre-majors              |
| <b>Single Courses</b>   |                    |  |     |                                       |                                  |  |
| ACC 154 HC1<br>CRN: 31613   | Online             | Honors: Managerial Accounting                        | -   | Online Asynch                         | Prashantt Rawal                  | Recommended for pre-majors   |
| HUM 122 0H1<br>CRN: 31782   | DP2735             | Honors: Contemporary Culture and the Arts            | TR  | 9:30am-10:45am                        | Peter Hudis                      | Humanities Fine Arts / ESC   |
| BIO 251 0H1<br>CRN: 31366   | Lee 160<br>Lee 353 | Honors: Microbiology                                 | TR  | TR 8:00am-9:15am<br>TR 9:30am-11:00am | Suzanne Ziegenhorn               | Lab-Life Science   |
| EGL 101 0H1<br>CRN: 30683   | DP 2735            | Honors: Composition I                                | MW  | 12:30pm-1:45pm                        | Madhuri Desmukh                  | Communications / PSJ, ESC  |
| HUM 150 0H1<br>CRN: 31615   | DP 2735            | Honors: Environmental Humanities                     | TR  | 11:00am-12:15pm                       | Marian Staats                    | Humanities / ESC, PSJ, WGSS  |
| PHL 106 0H1<br>CRN: 31616   | RHC C110           | Honors: Ethics                                       | W   | 6:00pm-8:50pm                         | Kristin McCartney                | Humanities / PSJ, WGSS   |
| PSY 120 0H1<br>CRN: 31617   | RHC C131           | Honors: Social Psychology                            | MW  | 11:00am-12:15pm                       | Michelle James                   | Social and Behavioral Sciences   |

## 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 classes 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. Beyond 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 Honors 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 courses like 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 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.

- **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](mailto:honors@oakton.edu)

**Honors Student Handbook:** [www.oaktonhonors.com](http://www.oaktonhonors.com)

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