

## The Honors Program at Oakton: Spring 2024 Course Listings

Course/CRN	Format	Title	Day	Time	Instructor	Gen Eds / Concentrations
<b>Honors Core Seminars: Learning Communities (*Co-requisites) and Interdisciplinary Research Labs</b>						
EGL 131 0H1 CRN: 11775	DP 2735	Honors: Multicultural Literature of the United States* <sup>1</sup>	TR	11:00am-12:15pm	Madhuri Deshmukh Mohamed Mehdi	Humanities, U.S. Diversity, Global Studies / PSJ
PHL 205 0H1 CRN: 11776	DP 2735	Honors: World Religions* <sup>1</sup>	TR	12:30pm-1:45pm	Madhuri Deshmukh Mohamed Mehdi	Humanities, U.S. Diversity, Global Studies / PSJ
BIO 240 0YH CRN: 11481	Lee 342	Honors: Interdisciplinary Undergraduate Lab Research	TR	T 12:30pm-1:45pm R 11:30am-1:45pm	Melodie Graber Suzanne Ziegenhorn	Lab-Life Science elective, Recommended for pre-majors
CHM 240 0YH CRN: 11480	Lee 342	Honors: Interdisciplinary Undergraduate Lab Research	TR	T 12:30am-1:45pm R 11:30am-1:45pm	Melodie Graber Suzanne Ziegenhorn	Lab-Physical Science elective, Recommended for pre-majors
<b>Honors Single Courses</b>						
BIO 106 0H3 CRN: 11782	Lee 162 Lee 355	Honors: Intro. to Environmental Science	MW	MW 3:30pm-4:45pm W 12:30pm-3:15pm	Paul Gulezian	Lab-Life Science
BIO 251 0H1 CRN: 11779	Lee 353	Honors: Microbiology	TR	TR 8:00am-11:00am TR 9:30am-11:00am	Suzanne Ziegenhorn	Lab-Life Science
EGL 102 0H1 CRN: 11483	DP 2735	Honors: Composition II	MW	12:30pm-1:45pm	Marian Staats	Communications
HUM 140 0H1 CRN: 11778	DP2735	Honors: Intro. to Women's and Gender Studies	MW	9:30am-10:45am	Ahalya Satkunararatnam	Humanities / WGSS
PHL 106 0H1 CRN: 11780	DP 2735	Honors: Ethics	TR	9:30am-10:45am	Patrick O'Donnell	Humanities / PSJ, WGSS, Great Books
PHL 290 0H1 CRN: 10824	DP 2735	Honors: Topics in Philosophy: Feminist and Queer Theory	R	2:00pm-4:45pm	Kristin McCartney	Philosophy Elective
SOC 101 0H1 CRN: 11781	DP 2735	Honors: Introduction to Sociology	MW	11:00am-12:15pm	Michelle Naffziger-Hirsch	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 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](mailto:honors@oakton.edu)

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

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