

HONORS (HNRS)

HNRS 294 | SPECIAL TOPICS IN THE HONORS PROGRAM

Units: 0.5-4 Repeatability: Yes (Repeatable if topic differs)

Prerequisites: Passing the appropriate departmental placement test within the previous year

The course will introduce students to various topics within the Honors Program.

Course may be repeated as topics vary.

HNRS 295 | EXPEDITION: INQUIRY - THE HONORS 2ND YEAR SEMINAR

Units: 1 Repeatability: No

Non-Core Attributes: Honors

Prerequisites: Passing the appropriate departmental placement test within the previous year

HNRS 295 aims to actively move students from an appreciation of scholarship (ideally developed through their First-Year LLC experience) to engagement and consideration of scholarly inquiry at a more personal level. Gleaning from inspiring guest speakers, provocative readings, dynamic discussions, and out-of-the-classroom excursions, the seminar will cover such topics as: how scholars generate ideas for scholarly pursuit, where to find opportunities to engage in research and to identify faculty with whom to speak, and how to find scholarships, fellowships, and other funding sources. Students will be guided to think about possible project areas of personal intrigue, majors that complement their interests, and to create an action plan for involvement in undergraduate research, study abroad, leadership and community service. The seminar will encourage students to begin imagining and even planning for their senior honors thesis project by familiarizing them with the array of tools, courses, opportunities and people they might turn to in their scholarly journey ahead.

HNRS 494 | SPECIAL TOPICS IN THE HONORS PROGRAM

Units: 0.5-4 Repeatability: Yes (Repeatable if topic differs)

Prerequisites: Passing the appropriate departmental placement test within the previous year

The course will introduce students to various topics within the Honors Program.

Course may be repeated as topics vary.

HNRS 495 | HONORS SENIOR THESIS SEMINAR

Units: 1-3 Repeatability: No

Prerequisites: Passing the appropriate departmental placement test within the previous year

The Honors Thesis Seminar is the capstone course for all graduating students in the Honors Program. In this class, students complete an independent scholarly project, using their undergraduate coursework in their major/minor as a foundation. During the semester in which the student enrolls in HNRS 495, the thesis project is presented orally to a public audience, and a written manuscript describing the project in detail must be submitted by the end of the semester.

Honors students should enroll in this course the semester they are planning to complete the Honors Program; this means that all honors requirements should be completed prior to, or simultaneously with, enrollment in HNRS 495.

HNRS 496 | HONORS THESIS PREP

Units: 1-4

Prerequisites: Passing the appropriate departmental placement test within the previous year

HNRS 497 | HONORS LEADERSHIP

Units: 0.5-4 Repeatability: Yes (Can be repeated for Credit)

Prerequisites: Passing the appropriate departmental placement test within the previous year

An experiential education course in which students learn best practices in leadership and then apply their skills as leaders within the USD Honors Program. Leadership activities may include peer mentorship, honors community organizing, peer-to-peer training, or other roles that allow students to develop as leaders while serving the honors or USD community. No more than 3 units may be earned