

Summer 2025: University Honors Program UHON 351 Seminars

Interested in a Summer Honors seminar or an Honors study abroad experience?

Email honors@siu.edu to reserve a spot or to find out more information.

351F- Fine Arts

The 3D Design Quest: Imagination Unleashed	MTWR 9:00-11:30 May 12-June 6	Morris 180	Bu
Agriculture and Art in Ireland: Sustainability and the Unique Ecology of the Burren	Study Abroad June 27 – July 13	Ireland	Ruffner

351U-Humanities

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Guide to a Good Life: Stoic Philosophy and the Good Life	TR 9:00-10:15 June 9 – Aug 1	Virtual	Punske
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351M-Multicultural

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351O-Social Science

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The 3D Design Quest: Imagination Unleashed – New!

Have you wondered: How does 3D printing work? Could you print objects in 3D that your mind conjures up? This course is a hands-on journey in design learning especially crafted for Honors students from diverse fields, introducing them to the art and science of 3D design and printing. It emphasizes project-based learning and ownership, where students will actively apply principles of 3D modeling to bring their imagination to life. Through a series of hands-on projects, participants will explore the potential of 3D design in life and academics while getting familiar with the popular tools and techniques. Each project encourages creative thinking and problem-solving, allowing students to build a portfolio that showcases their unique talents.

Prerequisites: Childlike curiosity and willingness to learn from and fix failures.

**- Lingguo Bu, Associate Professor, School of Education
May 12th-June 6th (Fulfills: Fine Arts/Social Science/Humanities)**

Guide to a Good Life: Stoic Philosophy and the Good Life

In this course, we will examine the fundamental concepts of Stoicism from ancient times to modern interpretations and receptions. We will read original texts in translation along with modern interpreters and receptions. Course is focused on discussion, interpretation and application of philosophical ideas. Our main question is “what does it mean to live a good life?” Each student will develop their own philosophy of life through our study of Stoicism (this philosophy need not be Stoic!).

**-Jeffrey Punske, Associate Professor, School of Languages and Linguistics
June 9th-August 1st (Fulfills: Humanities/Social Science)**

Ag and Art in Ireland: Sustainability and the Unique Ecology of the Burren

- Expose students to the unique culture and ecology of the Burren landscape in western Ireland
- Witness examples of regional conservation in the agricultural community
- Students will participate in interpretive and environmental art making activities related to the natural and cultural resources of the Burren
- Students will interact with local artists whose work reflects their interests in ecological concepts
- Learn about international artists whose work utilizes natural materials and reflects their interests in global ecological concerns
- Through gaining a deeper connection with the natural world students will gain an appreciation for building sustainability into their own lives
- Time set aside daily for deep personal reflection as well as group activities within the local community and traditional culture

**-Charles Ruffner, Professor of Forestry, School of Forestry and Horticulture
(Fulfills: Fine Arts/Humanities/Multicultural/Science 2)**

**WHEN: dates of trip are; June 27-July 13, 2025
WHERE: visiting Counties Clare, Galway, Limerick
COST: ± \$3750 Course Fee* + Costs per credit**