

UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM

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ESSENTIALS

as of Fall 2020

- Honors Certificate 18 hours w/ Thesis Option
- Holistic assessment of student preparation: GPA, ACT/SAT, motivation, service, involvement, innovation, and leadership
- Overall SIU GPA 3.3 or higher
- AP/IB articulation (6 toward UHP Certificate) or Honors courses taken at another institution of higher education
- Students with Associates Degree (12 hours)
- UHP Living Learning Communities in Abbott and Smith (strongly encouraged)
- UHON Credit and/or Honors Recognized Course Credit

UHON 351 Seminars (Substitute for Core Curriculum)
Honors Contracts w/ Faculty in non-Honors Courses
UHON 399 Honors Independent Study
UHON 388 or 351 Honors International Experience
UHON 499 Honors Thesis Option

- Distinguished Lecture Series/Events
- Research opportunities with faculty
- Honors Assembly Student Leadership Development
- Community & Civic Engagement -20 hours required per year
- Scholarships & Awards

Why Honors?

- Experience the intimacy of a small liberal arts & science college within a comprehensive research university
- Individualized mentoring empowers students to carve their own unique path through academic and co-curricular opportunities, on campus and beyond.
- Research experiences with faculty, many times providing the foundation for a thesis or special project.
- Honors seminar classes –Especially designed by faculty, experimental in concept and design; bridge disciplines. Small class size, fulfill core curriculum requirements.
- Student involvement in shaping the curriculum. Each semester a student generated course

What else can you expect from the UHP?

- Support for scholarships, internships, and study abroad
- Major Scholarship preparation & advisement (UHON111)
- Monitoring/tracking of student matriculation to Honors Certificate

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What can Academic Advisors do?

- Direct qualified students with a 3.3 or higher to the University Honors Program, on the 1st floor of Morris Library in room 110
- Encourage students with a minimum of 30 hours remaining inquire if interested
- Look for **“A Taste of Honors”** for interested freshman/sophomores (**Below**).
- Encourage UHP students to select UHON 351 courses for Core Curriculum Requirements and direct Honors Students to our UHP Reservation Night Events
- Be aware of the **Banner Restriction** for enrollment in UHON 351. This course override is done by the UHP office.
- Continue to adhere to the Early Registration benefit extended to UHP students.
- Contact us with any questions 453-2824 honors@siu.edu
- For Degree Works support email myeomans1@siu.edu and degreeworks@siu.edu
- Sign-up for the **“411” weekly newsletter** by emailing honors@siu.edu (This includes UHP News, Events & Open “A Taste of Honors” classes.)

What is NEW.....

- For the 2020 Fall semester some University Honors Seminars have been organized around a themed cluster *From Cradle to Cradle*
- This theme cluster *also* features a student-generated course titled *Sustainability and the Collective Imagination: The end or beginning of a new way of life* featuring SIU faculty from multiple disciplines tackling the concept and practice of sustainability.
- Upcoming this Fall 2020, **UHON111 The Honors Colloquium** helps prepare students for major scholarships applications, including Goldwater, Boren, Fulbright, Marshall, graduate school and more...

Why Honors UHON 351 Seminar Courses are so interesting.....

- Faculty are excited to experiment with content and form, to tackle fundamental questions with a small group of engaged students from multiple disciplines
- Courses are inventive, bridging together approaches, methods, and disciplines to generate new knowledge and ways of doing.
- Students and faculty step out of comfort zones in the security and freedom of a close-knit academic community.
- Inspired by the legacy of Buckminster Fuller, we believe in an education that makes the world work for 100% of humanity. Sustainability, both of the human and our environment, is a thread that brings together our curriculum, civic engagement, and distinguished speaker series.

A Taste of Honors: UHP Courses Open to Non-Honors Students to Try

- **“A Taste of Honors”** is for high achieving non-Honors students to enroll in **some** of our courses, **maximum of four non-Honors students** per course

- Fall 2020 courses to be included: **Arts of the Anthropocene, Intercollegiate Athletics, The Nature of Sound, and Tales of Two Empires**