

HONORS COLLEGE

Summer & Fall 2025 Course List



Summer Seminars & Research

HONR 3331.01 (Summer I): Culture and Society - The History of Now (CRN 41132) ONLINE J. Littlejohn
The online seminar will focus on recent books, articles, podcasts, and films that explore personal narratives about life in America today. Students will be asked to engage with and respond to various texts on class, race, and gender identity.

HONR 3331.02 (Summer II): Culture and Society - Future of Work (CRN 41133) ONLINE P. Lewis
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HONR 3331.03 (Summer I): Culture and Society - Museums (CRN 42869) ONLINE R. Lewis
It is a fundamental drive to collect and preserve one's culture and heritage, but what exactly is the purpose of a museum? Museums 101 will introduce students to the function of museums in society by examining the history and mission of museums. Students will learn the importance of using objects to tell culturally based stories to visitors. Students will also explore the reasons why primary documents and other source materials are vital to research and interpretation. The course presents the basics of administration, collections care, research, education, and exhibition. In addition, it will explore the relevancy of museums and their tactile collections in an increasingly digital and virtual world.

- **HONR 4095.01 (Full Summer Term): Independent Study* (CRN 41344) K. Bell**
- **HONR 4398.01 (Full Summer Term): Honors Thesis I* (CRN 41340) K. Bell**
- **HONR 4399.01 (Full Summer Term): Honors Thesis II* (CRN 41635) K. Bell**

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Fall Honors Courses

- **BIOL 1406.13: General Biology I (CRN 85678) MWF 9:00 AM - 9:50 AM T. Primm**
- **BIOL 1406.14: General Biology I LAB (CRN 85679) M 2:00 PM - 4:50 PM T. Primm**
- **CRIJ 3340.02: Gender and Crime (CRN 83704) TR 11:00 AM - 12:15PM A. Azimi**
- **CRIJ 4377.02: Special Topics in Criminal Justice: Serial Homicide and Mass Murder (CRN 86754) TR 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM M. Roth**
- **ENGL 1301.10: Composition I (CRN 80124) MWF 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM T. Bilsing**
- **ENGL 2332.03: World Lit I: Before 17th Century (CRN 80583) MWF 8:00 AM - 8:50 AM P. Child**
- **ENGL 3330.20: Intro to Technical Writing (CRN 80643) TR 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM X. Wang**
- **HIST 1301.01: United States History to 1876 (CRN 87358) TR 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM N. Crawford**
- **POLS 2306.10: Texas Government (CRN 86008) TR 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM TBD**
- **PSYC 1301.07: Introduction to Psychology (CRN 86833) TR 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM S. Duncan**

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- UNIV 1101.76: Bearkat U: Honors Learning Community (CRN 80041) MW 2:00 PM - 2:50 PM B. Park
- UNIV 1101.77: Bearkat U: Honors Learning Community (CRN 80042) TR 2:00 PM - 2:50 PM J. Child
- UNIV 1101.78: Bearkat U: Honors Learning Community - Honors Scholars ONLY (CRN 80043) TR 2:00 PM - 2:50 PM K. Gragert

Fall Honors Research

- HONR 4095.01: Independent Study* (CRN 82409) K. Bell
- HONR 4095.02: Independent Study* (CRN 86142) K. Bell
- HONR 4095.03: Independent Study* (CRN 86443) K. Bell
- HONR 4095.04: Independent Study* (CRN 86444) K. Bell
- HONR 4398.01: Honors Thesis I* (CRN 82406) K. Bell
- HONR 4399.01: Honors Thesis II* (CRN 82407) K. Bell

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Fall Seminars

HONR 3322.01: Journeys - TED (CRN 81061)

ONLINE

A. Gravois,
P. Eaton

This course offers scholars an opportunity to critically engage with TED Talks. Scholars examine TED as a cultural phenomenon; develop skills in critically analyzing TED Talks; conduct research on the impact of TED in people's lives; and develop, revise, memorize, practice, and deliver their own TED-style Talk to a live small audience of their peers. Scholars who have completed this course have gained important skills in analysis of public speech, critical thinking, analytical and persuasive writing, public speaking, and self-confidence. The course contributes significantly to personal and professional growth.

The course is primarily asynchronous, supported by **some synchronous learning activities**, including two full-class meetings (held via Zoom), four small group meetings (held via Zoom), and a full-day TEDxSHSU event at the SHSU main campus in Huntsville (held in person). Students will also have asynchronous course assignments weekly throughout the term. **Students who wish to enroll in this course must fill out a Course Application form and email it to honors@shsu.edu.**

HONR 3322.02: Journeys - Engagement (CRN 85694)

M 11:00 AM - 1:50 PM

J. Wozniak

The SHSU motto is "A measure of a life is its service." This Honors Seminar will expand the student's appreciation and understanding of how to go beyond service and to engage with our community. Students will learn the theoretical framework of engaged learning, the various forms of community engagement, and the tools to harness the life-long benefits of experiential learning. This team-taught course will provide students with several different community engagement perspectives and opportunities. Students will venture beyond the university classroom to engage with the local community partners in a mutually beneficial educational experience. It is hoped that students will emerge from the class with an enhanced sense of place and an appreciation of cultural humanity.

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HONR 3331.01: Culture and Society - Kung Fu (CRN 81057) T 4:00 PM - 6:50 PM R. Lewis

In this course, we look at the history and culture surrounding Kung Fu. We will study its portrayal in the movies and popular culture. Students will learn the anatomy of Kung Fu and the muscles and mechanics behind it. Students should be prepared to do activities with controlled physical contact (Kung Fu drills and basic self-defense exercises), although no fighting will take place in the class. Martial arts attire is not required, but students must wear flexible clothing in which they can move freely. Students who demonstrate the required techniques and knowledge will earn a Yellow Belt in Kung Fu San Soo at the end of the course.

HONR 3331.02: Culture and Society - Healthcare Soft Skills (CRN 86438) ONLINE D. Berry

This course focuses on essential soft skills for new hires in the healthcare industry, ensuring they can communicate effectively, collaborate with teams, and provide compassionate patient care. Participants will develop strong interpersonal skills, including active listening, empathy, and cultural competence, to enhance patient interactions. Time management and organizational skills are highlighted to help employees balance responsibilities efficiently. By the end of the course, participants will be equipped with the key soft skills necessary for success in their healthcare careers.

HONR 3365.01: Decision Making (CRN 86441) R 11:00 AM - 1:50 PM S. Koether

In today's complex world, the ability to make effective decisions is paramount. From selecting political representatives, heeding medical advice, or even choosing a meal, decisions have an impact, both large and small. This course delves into the intricate mechanisms and constraints behind decision-making and why even the brightest minds can sometimes arrive at incorrect conclusions. Students will cultivate a nuanced understanding of decision-making processes through interactive lectures, engaging discussions, and hands-on exercises. By exploring the interplay of worldview, bias, group dynamics, logic, and reason, participants will emerge equipped to navigate the complexities of decision-making with heightened awareness and discernment.

HONR 3331.03: Culture and Society - Future of Work (CRN 87671) ONLINE P. Lewis

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HONR 3321.01: Fine Arts - Exploring Music Production (CRN 87672) W 3:00 PM - 5:50 PM M. Shanks

This seminar is a hands-on investigation into the current state of music production and its many facets. Learn not only how to compose, arrange, and record a song, but also how to craft a successful business plan and correctly distribute the track across streaming platforms. Students will work together to produce a song from scratch and see its trajectory from the initial creative spark to a playlist on Spotify.

HONR 3332.01: LatinX Arts (CRN 87673) W 1:00 PM - 3:50 PM R. Montelongo

This seminar will explore how the arts promote Latina/o/x community and education. Stage/theater, music, visual arts, and cinema formats will all be examined. Latina/o/x art is also deeply rooted in the college experience where students are exposed to cultural, academic, and community engagement opportunities. This seminar will also use college settings as context upon which the above issues are addressed.

***DISCLAIMER:** This course list is subject to change. Please refer to the Honors Blackboard and the website for the most up-to-date version!