Honors Program

The Honors Program does not offer a major, a minor, or a degree. Successful completion of the Honors requirements is noted on students' permanent transcripts. Honors graduates are given special recognition at commencement and wear the Honors stole with their academic robes.

Some University students have the ability and desire to engage in academic challenges that extend beyond the Liberal Education requirements and their own majors. In the Honors Program, these students take interdisciplinary Honors courses in lieu of Liberal Education offerings and engage in an Honors thesis or project. As members of the Honors community, they collaborate with a faculty advisor and the Honors Council to plan their studies and to manage the responsibilities that correspond with the program's freedoms.

Eligibility

High school seniors with superior academic records or college students with a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 or above are invited to apply. A concise letter stating reasons for interest in becoming a member of the Honors Program should be included with the application form. Such letters should be addressed to the Director, Honors Program, Bemidji State University. Students enrolled at Bemidji State University may personally consult the Director for information.

The quota of Honors Scholars admitted each academic year is determined by the number of qualified applications received. Students are appointed to the program on a competitive basis by the Honors Council. Applicants are notified in writing of their selection as Honors Scholars.

Career Directions

Business/LeadershipGovernment Service/LeadershipLawMedicine
Also: Graduate Study

Honors Program Courses

HOPR 1104 The Unity and Diversity of Knowledge (2 credits)
Introductory study of concepts, methods and goals characteristic of the pursuit of knowledge. Required of all honors scholars.

HOPR 1105 Influence, Power, and Values (2 credits)
Introduction to influence and power in relation to considerations of human values. A service component is required. Required of all honors scholars.

HOPR 2106 Studies in Literature and the Arts (2 credits)
Study of the role played by literature and the arts in interpreting and expressing human experience and in constructing, throughout history, changing views of the nature of civilization. Required of all honors scholars.

HOPR 2107 Studies in the Social Sciences and History (2 credits)
Study of concepts common to the disciplines of the social sciences and history, with emphasis on current topics or problems. Required of all honors scholars.

HOPR 3899 Pre-Thesis Seminar (1 credit)
Each student chooses an Honors thesis topic, arranges to work with an advisor, develops a bibliography, and writes a proposal. Proposals are reviewed for approval by the Honors Council. Must be taken during the junior year.

HOPR 4889 Integrative Seminar (2 credits)
Readings, discussions, and student presentations involving study and articulation of relationships between disciplines. Required of all honors scholars in their senior year. Prerequisites: HOPR 1104, HOPR 1105, HOPR 2106, and HOPR 2107.

HOPR 4890 Honors Thesis Or Project (3 credits)
The honors thesis must be undertaken no later than the junior year, and requires the student to identify a faculty sponsor, design a plan of study or research project, and receive tentative approval from the Director of the Honors Program prior to undertaking the project. At the completion of the project the honors scholar will present the finished study to a committee representing the Honors Council which will offer approval, requests for improvement, or rejection. For further information, contact the Director of the Honors Program. Required of all honors scholars.

HOPR 4899 Honors Thesis (2 credits)
Working individually with a thesis advisor, the student carries out and completes the Honors thesis. The thesis may be scholarly (based on empirical or archival research or on literary criticism whose end product is a documented paper or report) or creative (consisting of original work created by the student and presented in written form or in performance, and accompanied by a written artist's statement). Prerequisite: HOPR 3899.

All-University Courses

The course numbers listed below, not always included in the semester class schedule, may be registered for by consent of the advisor, instructor, or department chair, or may be assigned by the department when warranted. Individual registration requires previous arrangement by the student and the completion of any required form or planning outline as well as any prerequisites.

1910, 2910, 3910, 4910 DIRECTED INDEPENDENT STUDY
1920, 2920, 3920, 4920 DIRECTED GROUP STUDY

1930, 2930, 3930, 4930 EXPERIMENTAL COURSE
1940, 2940, 3940, 4940 IN-SERVICE COURSE
1950, 2950, 3950, 4950 WORKSHOP, INSTITUTE, TOUR
1960, 2960, 3960, 4960 SPECIAL PURPOSE INSTRUCTION
1970, 2970, 3970, 4970 INTERNSHIP
1980, 2980, 3980, 4980 RESEARCH
1990, 2990, 3990, 4990 THESIS