

Benefits of University Honors

The essence of the University Honors program is the great books approach. In a series of Socratic seminars, students discuss and interpret the significant texts that have decisively shaped the world we live in today. With its intensive collaborative work in the areas of Philosophy, History, Literature, and the Social Sciences, the program instills in students an integrated understanding of the humanities that is unparalleled by the regular university curriculum. Students complete the program during their first two years. Moreover, the intensive focus in Philosophy, History, and Literature in particular allows students to acquire a major in any of these disciplines for an additional 35 credits instead of the usual 55, which allows students to double-major fairly easily within four years. University Honors students receive merit scholarships, and completion of the program is recognized on their transcripts.

Application Process for University Honors

Students who are eligible for University Honors are contacted by letter from the Director, inviting them to apply. The application includes a personal statement, a book review essay, and three letters of recommendation. A committee of three faculty members reviews the application.

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Benefits of Core Honors

As a subset of University Core classes, Core Honors is a way of intensifying the Core experience. It is composed of seminar sections of nine required Core courses in English, History, Philosophy, Social Science, and Theology/Religious Studies that are thematically linked. These courses also are taught by demanding faculty who bring innovative approaches to the classroom and who work together to create an integrated curriculum. Like University Honors, the classes are taught as small seminars emphasizing student participation and discussion. But unlike University Honors, students take only one Core Honors course at a time and finish the program at the end of their third year. This option works well for students pursuing credit-intensive majors that have many requirements during their first two years. Core Honors students receive merit scholarships, and completion of the track recognized on their transcripts.

Application Process for Core Honors

Students who are invited to apply to Core Honors are asked to submit a letter of application, which is reviewed along with their files for admission to the University.

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SEATTLE UNIVERSITY HONORS TWO EXCITING OPTIONS FOR HIGHLY MOTIVATED STUDENTS



UNIVERSITY HONORS
PROGRAM

For more than 50 years, Seattle University has provided students of high ability and motivation the opportunity to join small, select learning communities dedicated to the study of the great ideas that have shaped the development of our world. The tradition continues in the two options we offer for students seeking a highly-challenging approach to a liberal arts education, **University Honors** and **Core Honors**.

The real strength of any high quality university comes from its teachers. Professors who teach in our Honors programs have proven experience of excellence in the classroom and are committed to academic rigor and dedicated to bringing out the best in students. Honors classes employ a lively **seminar method** that combines the Socratic dialogue with the Jesuit tradition of challenging students to learn for themselves. The seminar method is essential in teaching students to become self-motivated learners who can articulate their insights cogently in group settings and one-on one. Whether through the pursuit of answers to individual questions or the intensive study of broader issues or problems, students learn quickly how to critically assess ideas and to better understand their own points of view.

Both programs operate according to a **cohort model**, in which students take multiple courses together and move through the curriculum as individual groups. This model allows students to immediately build and participate in community right from the beginning of their time on campus. Both also feature regular co-curricular opportunities outside the classroom. The two programs differ from each other most noticeably in curriculum design and in the overall duration of the program.

University Honors: A Two-Year Curriculum
Year One

First Year Fall
Ancient World

HONR 1010 Ancient Greek Philosophy (4 cr.)

HONR 1110 Greek and Roman Literature (4 cr.)

HONR 1210 Mediterranean Civilization (4 cr.)

4th Class Outside of Honors (5 cr.)

First Year Winter
The Middle Ages

HONR 1030 Medieval Philosophy and Theology (4 cr.)

HONR 1130 Medieval English & Continental Literature (4 cr.)

HONR 1220 History of the Middle Ages (4 cr.)

4th Class Outside of Honors (5 cr.)

First Year Spring
Toward New Worlds

HONR 2010 Early Modern Philosophy (4 cr.)

HONR 2110 Renaissance to Neoclassical Lit. (4 cr.)

HONR 2210 Early Modern History (4 cr.)

4th Class Outside of Honors (5 cr.)

University Honors: A Two-Year Curriculum
Year Two

Second Year Fall
Rise of Modernity

HONR 2020 18th- and 19th-Century Philosophy (4 cr.)

HONR 2120 18th- and 19th-Century Lit. (4 cr.)

HONR 2220 18th- and 19th-Century History (4 cr.)

4th Class Outside of Honors (5 cr.)

Second Year Winter
Contemporary World

HONR 2030 20th- to 21st-Century Philosophy (4 cr.)

HONR 2130 20th- to 21st-Century Literatures (4 cr.)

HONR 2510 Social Science Seminar (4 cr.)

4th Class Outside of Honors (5 cr.)

Second Year Spring
Engaging the World

HONR 3000 Global Engagement Seminar (4 cr.)

HONR 3100 Spirituality in the Modern World (4 cr.)

3rd Class Outside of Honors (5 cr.)

4th Class Outside of Honors (5 cr.)

University Honors

University Honors is a **two-year option** spanning the freshman and sophomore years of study at Seattle University and is based on the march-through-history approach to liberal arts education. It is an *alternative* to the University Core Curriculum. While providing strong preparation for undergraduates in all majors, it is especially ideal for Arts & Sciences and Albers School of Business majors. With three concurrent classes in each of the first five terms and two in the sixth, the program provides a comprehensive understanding of the humanities from the dawn of Mediterranean civilization to the present age. Students learn in-depth how the modern world developed. Meanwhile, because each seminar is only four credits, students can enroll in one class each quarter outside the program and thereby begin coursework in their majors or explore other subjects outside Honors.

Core Honors

Core Honors is a **three-year option** spanning the freshman, sophomore, and junior years of study at Seattle University. Core Honors offers a challenging and engaging approach to fulfilling requirements in the Seattle University Core Curriculum. While open to all undergraduates, it is ideal for students in credit-heavy majors in Science & Engineering and in the Albers School of Business. It consists of Honors sections of Core classes and composes 45 of the 63 credits in the Core. Students share one course per quarter during their first three years. The rest of their coursework during this time period consists of Core courses outside the program and courses in the major.

Core Honors Curriculum

First Year

Fall: UCOR-1400: Module I Inquiry Humanities Seminar

Winter: UCOR-2500: Philosophy of the Human Person

Spring: UCOR-1600: Inquiry Seminar in Social Sciences

+ 2 Classes Outside of Honors Each Term

Second Year

Fall: UCOR-1300: Creative Expression and Interpretation

Winter: UCOR-2900: Ethical Reasoning

Spring: UCOR-2100: Theological Explorations

+ 2 Classes Outside of Honors Each Term

Third Year

Fall: UCOR-3100: Religion in Global Context

Winter: UCOR-3400: Humanities and Global Challenges

Spring: UCOR-3600: Social Sciences and Global Challenges

+ 2 Classes Outside of Honors Each Term