ITHACA COLLEGE
HONORS MINOR IN
INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

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The Ithaca College Honors Minor in Interdisciplinary Studies equips students with diverse tools for addressing the complex challenges of today’s world. Students gain knowledge from multiple disciplines, select appropriate methods, and develop skills for dialogue and collaboration with interdisciplinary teams.

With the guidance of an Honors advisor, students design a pathway that includes intensive Honors academic seminars, global citizenship, cultural and civic engagement, and a culminating interdisciplinary scholarly or creative project.

Honors courses may not be taken pass/fail or S/D/F. To remain in Honors, a student must make regular progress toward completion of the program. Any student who does not register for an Honors course for three consecutive semesters without having discussed a plan for completion of the program with the program director will be deemed inactive and removed from the program. In order to graduate with Ithaca College Honors, a student must have a GPA greater than or equal to 3.0 in all courses as well as within Honors courses.

Students will be certified for graduation with Ithaca College Honors during their last semester in residence, based on evaluation by the Honors Steering Committee. Any petition or appeal related to the Honors Program is handled through the Director of the Honors Program.

Code | Title | Credits
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ICSM 11000 | Ithaca Seminar in the Honors Program | 4
or ICSM 11800 | Honors Ithaca Seminar: Writing | 7-10
HNRS | HNRS coursework | Complete 2 of the 3 options below: Global, Cultural or Civic | 3-6
or IXXXX-4XXXX

HNRS 15000 | Cultural Encounters with Ithaca College | 3-6
or Global Study Experience (0 credit)
HNRS 21500 | Honors International Scholarly Conversation | 3
HNRS 25000 | Civic Engagement Seminar | 3
HNRS 40000 | Honors Senior Seminar in Interdisciplinary Studies | 3

Total Credits | 20

HNRS 15000 Cultural Encounters with Ithaca College (LA)
Provides students with a structured platform for exploring the cultural offerings at Ithaca College. The seminar explores questions about Ithaca College culture including what it is and how it is shaped. Students will address these questions through attendance at cultural events, through writing about and discussing such events, and through background reading. Open only to students in the Ithaca College Honors Program. (Y) Attributes: HN
3 Credits

HNRS 20000-20065 Honors Academic Seminar (LA)
Interdisciplinary seminars on a variety of topics open only to students in the Ithaca College Honors Program. Prerequisite: One honors course. (Y) Attributes: HN
3 Credits

HNRS 21000-21005 Honors Scholarly Conversations (LA)
Seminars focusing on intellectual careers or issues associated with the works of major visiting scholars at Ithaca College. Open only to students in the Ithaca College Honors Program. This course can be repeated for up to 3 credits. Prerequisite: One honors course. (Y) Attributes: 1, DV, G, HN
3-6 Credits

HNRS 21500 Honors International Scholarly Conversation (LA)
Focuses on intellectual careers or scholarly problems associated with major international visiting scholars at Ithaca College. Many of these scholars are Fulbright scholars invited to campus for this course. Open only to students in the Ithaca College Honors Program. Prerequisite: One honors course. (S) Attributes: 1, DV, G, HN
3 Credits

HNRS 22000-22010 Honors Design Lab (LA)
Interdisciplinary design lab for students to investigate a variety of contemporary problems and issues. Open only to students in the Ithaca College Honors Program. Prerequisite: One honors course. (I) Attributes: HN
1-3 Credits

HNRS 23000-23033 Honors Short Seminar (LA)
Distinctive seminars on a variety of focused topics with a singular theme of learning. Open only to members of the Ithaca College Honors Program. Prerequisite: One honors course. (Y) Attributes: HN
1-2 Credits

HNRS 24000-24024 Honors Slow Read (LA)
Distinctive seminars each focusing on one significant book. Open only to members of the Ithaca College Honors Program. Prerequisite: One honors course. (Y) Attributes: HN
1-2 Credits

HNRS 25000 Civic Engagement Seminar (LA)
This course draws on theory, research and personal accounts to explore forms of civic engagement and evaluate the opportunities and challenges each offers toward positive social change. We begin by defining civic engagement and assessing needs and strengths of the local community. Students engage with a community organization and critically reflect on their experience. They reflect on their own personal motivations and experiences with civic engagement, and how their own social identities influence social change efforts. This course fulfills the civic engagement requirement of the Honors program. Student commitment include 30 contact hours with the community organization as well as cultural competency training, class time, and reading and writing outside of class. Prerequisites: One Honors course. Attributes: HN
3 Credits
HNRS 27000 Honors: London as Text (LA)
Seeks to immerse students in the amazing cosmopolis of London. Participants in this seminar will not tour the city so much as interrogate it. Investigations will extend to as many aspects of the city as we can manage in a semester, and the objects of those inquiries will be as varied as the interests of the participants. Open only to members of the Ithaca College Honors Program. Prerequisite: One Honors course. (F, Y)
Attributes: HN
3 Credits

HNRS 30000 Honors Capstone (LA)
Students reflect on their Honors experience as they complete the Cursus Honorum. Open only to members of the Ithaca College Honors Program.
Prerequisite: Junior Standing. (Y)
Attributes: HN
1 Credit

HNRS 39000 Honors Independent Study (LA)
Students register for independent interdisciplinary study in an area of interest. Students develop a project in consultation with a faculty sponsor. Open only to students in the Ithaca College Honors Program.
Prerequisite: of level 2 HNRS courses; permission of the Honors Director.
Attributes: HN
1-3 Credits

HNRS 39500 Honors Internship (NLA)
Combines academic studies with responsibilities and experiences in a professional setting. Supervision is provided by an on-site professional. Students are required to submit periodic written field reports, as well as a final internship experience report. Open only to students in the Ithaca College Honors Program. Prerequisites: Junior standing; permission of Honors Director. (IRR)
Attributes: HN
1-6 Credits

HNRS 40000 Honors Senior Seminar in Interdisciplinary Studies (LA)
This course is the culminating experience for students in the Honors Minor in Interdisciplinary Studies. Students engage in collaborative scholarly research or creative production involving interdisciplinary inquiry, dialogue, and problem-solving. Prerequisites: One three-credit 20000-level HNRS course and Senior standing. (F,S)
Attributes: HN
3 Credits