



## *Revising an Honors Program from the Ground Up*

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### Required Classes for each Honors Student:

- ACS 101 - Academic and College Success (1 credit) - honors section preferred
- ENGW 250 - Written and Visual Rhetoric (3 credits) - honors section preferred
- HON 200: Scholarship Expanded: Research, Engagement, and Global Tracks (3 credits)
- HON 484 - Honors Capstone Proposal (1 credit)
- HON 485 - Honors Capstone (3 credits)
- HON 499 - Honors Defense (0 credits)

### Research Track

Develop an expertise in research and writing, culminating in an original interdisciplinary thesis, or creative research project. This track requires completion of a research methods course as well as an interdisciplinary course. Students are also required to engage in one co-curricular activity such as serving on the Honors Student Advisory Board or as a research mentor.

### Engagement Track

Make significant impacts to the community by designing and planning a community-focused capstone project. This track requires completion of 6 credits of upper level service/community-focused courses or clinical/practicum. In addition, students have two co-curricular requirements of a service trip and sustained community engagement.

### Global Track

Engage deeply with global communities, research, and create a globally-focused project or thesis. This track requires studying abroad for a semester, intermediate foreign language, and 6 credits of upper level global courses.

## Our inspiration for the Revised Honors Program:



Adopted from: Ernest L. Boyer's *Scholarship Reconsidered* (1990), Carnegie Foundation.

## Course Descriptions:

**HON 200 Scholarship Expanded:** This course is designed to provide students in the Honors program with a broad overview of interdisciplinary and disciplinary research methodologies in traditional forms of research, community-engaged scholarship, and globally-engaged scholarship. The course will prepare Honors students to be able to thoughtfully choose their capstone track and be prepared to get started on framing a research question and beginning the capstone work in HON 484.

**HON 484 Capstone Proposal:** In this course, students will frame their capstone question and complete the literature review for your capstone project.

Prerequisite: ENGW 250 and a 3.5 gpa. Those students in the research track are also recommended to have completed the research methods course.

**HON 485 Capstone:** Independent interdisciplinary capstone project supervised by the Honors Program Director and two additional faculty (or staff in some cases) members (primary and secondary mentors).

Prerequisite: HON 484 and a 3.5 gpa.

**HON 499 Capstone Defense:** Students will focus on preparing and giving an oral presentation of their Honors Capstone project. Prerequisite: HON 485 (exceptions may be a co-requisite) and a 3.5 gpa.