

HNRS 2000—Honors Sophomore Seminar

Mondays 8:00-8:50AM, COB 112

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HNRS 2000 is a zero-credit course that is required for participation in the Honors Program. This course is designed to enhance students experience in the Honors Program. HNRS 2000 will focus on content related to service and leadership. Additionally, students will be required to attend all Honors Colloquium events during the semester in which they are enrolled in the class. This course is designed to be taken twice and in sequence, beginning in the fall semester.

Student Learning Outcomes

- Students will understand historical, contemporary, and intercultural issues related to service and civic engagement.
- Students will attend Honors colloquium events.
 - Students will review preparatory material for all colloquium events.
 - Students will participate in a seminar-style discussion about the topics and issues covered in colloquium events.

Course Materials

All readings and materials will be posted on Canvas or handed out to students in class. Students are expected to keep track of and have course material readily accessible, including any materials on Canvas.

Evaluation

Students will receive a grade of either “CR” (credit) or “NC” (no credit) for this course. Please keep in mind, as a zero credit course, no credit hours are earned. In order to receive the grade of CR for this course, students cannot miss more than two class meetings. Additionally, students must earn a satisfactory evaluation on the following assignments:

- Colloquium Attendance
- Seminar Readings and Participation

Students will earn a satisfactory evaluation by preparing and fully participating in the assignments. Students who do not earn a grade of CR in an Honors Seminar will lose good standing in the Honors Program.

Service

As part of your learning experience in the sophomore year, you will be expected to participate in a few hours of service using the knowledge and critical thinking you have gained over the year. At least one experience will be planned outside of class. If you are unable to attend, please speak to Ms. Stone for make-up opportunities.

Colloquium Attendance

"Colloquium" is Latin for dialogue or conversation. The Honors Colloquium is an opportunity for students to meet and talk with local, regional, and national leaders and scholars about topics that relate to the semester's courses. The Honors Colloquium series may also include museum trips, service projects, productions, and other leadership and learning activities. **Students are expected to attend the four scheduled colloquia each semester.** The dates for these events are listed below in **bold type**.

If a student must miss a colloquium event for any reason, that student must propose and attend a make-up event on the UT Tyler campus. Make-up events must be approved by the Honors Director (Dr. Streufert) or Coordinator (Mrs. Stone) before attending the event, and students may be required submit a 500-word essay summarizing the event. Details about the make-up form and essay requirement can be found on the Honors Program Colloquium webpage.

For the Fall 2020 semester, the following podcasts count as a make-up colloquium: Freakonomics, "Revisionist History", "Climate Cast", "Stuff you Should Know." Students must listen to at least one episode in order to receive credit.

Seminar Reading and Participation

Each member of the class shares the responsibility for creating a positive and stimulating learning environment. Preparation, participation, and respect for the ideas of others will allow for in-depth exploration of complex issues and examination of multiple perspectives. Your thoughtful comments, questions, and insights are needed to enhance the learning for all students and thus contribute to a creative and constructive experience. Prompt attendance at all class sessions is required. Tardiness, late work, and/or lack of engagement will negatively impact this part of your grade.

If you miss a class for any reason, you will be expected to make up the appropriate work for the corresponding module. Failure to complete the module within 7 days of missing the class may result in a NC in the course.

Important Covid-19 Information for Classrooms and Laboratories

Students are required to wear face masks covering their nose and mouth, and follow social distancing guidelines, at all times in public settings (including classrooms and laboratories), as specified by [Procedures for Fall 2020 Return to Normal Operations](#). The UT Tyler community of Patriots views adoption of these practices consistent with its [Honor Code](#) and a sign of good citizenship and respectful care of fellow classmates, faculty, and staff.

Students who are feeling ill or experiencing symptoms such as sneezing, coughing, or a higher than normal temperature will be excused from class and should stay at home and may join the class remotely. Students who have difficulty adhering to the Covid-19 safety policies for health reasons are also encouraged to join the class remotely. Students needing additional accommodations may contact the Office of Student Accessibility and Resources at University Center 3150, or call (903) 566-7079 or email saroffice@uttyler.edu.

Recording of Class Sessions

Class sessions may be recorded by the instructor for use by students enrolled in this course. Recordings that contain personally identifiable information or other information subject to FERPA shall not be shared with individuals not enrolled in this course unless appropriate consent is obtained from all relevant students. Class recordings are reserved only for the use of students enrolled in the course and only for educational purposes. Course recordings should not be shared outside of the course in any form without express permission.

Schedule: The list below contains the topics for the course meetings of the semester, as well as the 4 colloquia, which are listed in **bold type**. **New this year, all colloquia (except Convocation), will be held online via Zoom**

8/22 Sat First Colloquium: Honors Convocation. Ornelas Activity Center. Noon – 2pm

- 8/31 M Welcome and Introductions/Syllabus. Overview of sophomore experience.
- 9/14 M Introduction to our second colloquium. Please read the reading(s) found in this week's module on canvas for our class discussion.
- 9/16 W Second Colloquium: "Think like a Freak" discussion with author, Dirk Mateer – UC Theatre, 6:00pm.**
- 9/21 M History of service (*"Begging for Change"* chapters on Canvas)
- 10/5 M Introduction to our third colloquium. Please read the reading(s) found in this week's module on canvas for our class discussion. We will also discuss, *"Evicted"* Chapters 1-3
- 10/12 M Lecture with Dr. Joe Feagin, Ella C. McFadden Distinguished Professor at Texas A&M University, 7:00pm**
- 10/19 M *"Evicted"* Chapters 4-6
- 10/29 TH 9th Annual Global Quiz Night – Ornelas Activity Center, 6:00pm.**
- 11/2 M Strengths & Leadership
- 11/16 M Internships