

HNRS 3000—Honors Junior Seminar

Mondays 3:00-3:50PM, SCOB 214

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HNRS 3000 is a zero-credit course that is required for participation in the Honors Program. HNRS 3000 will focus on content related to academic research and the contract courses required in the junior year. Additionally, students will be required to attend all Honors Colloquium events during the semester in which they are enrolled in the class.

Student Learning Outcomes

- Students will learn about and discuss issues in academic research and complete contract course requirements.
- Students will prepare for and attend Honors 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. In order to receive the grade of CR for this course, students cannot miss more than one class meeting. Additionally, students must earn a satisfactory evaluation on the following assignments:

- Contract course completion and the “What does research look like in your field” assignment.
- Colloquium Attendance

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.

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 three 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 (Ms. Dykes) 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.

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.

Schedule: The list below contains the topics for the course meetings of the semester, as well as the 3 colloquia, which are listed in **bold type**.

- 8/20 Sat** **First Colloquium: Honors Convocation OAC (10:30am-2:00 pm)**
- 8/22 M Welcome and Introductions/Syllabus. Contract Course explanations and expectations. How to work with faculty. The research cycle and developing a research question.
- 9/12 M Contract Courses due today (not for HIM nursing or psychology students). Construct a plan for contract course completion.
*Introduce “What does research look like in your field” assignment
- 9/27 T** **Second Colloquium: Dance Performance – Details TBA**
- 10/10 M “What does research look like in your field?” class discussion and assignment due. Also remember that mid-term contract course evaluations go out next week.
- 10/27 Thurs** **Third Colloquium: 11th Annual Global Quiz Night (Details TBA)**
- 11/7 M Looking ahead – Contract Course #2 and Honors Research Project (HRP)

*All Contract Course work due December 2nd, unless other arrangements have been made with professor