

HONORS COLLEGE (HNRS)

100 Level Courses

HNRS 110: *Principles of Research and Inquiry*. 3 credits.

Introduces students to a wide range of disciplinary research practices. Students learn how to pose and pursue a focused research question, identify and evaluate the multiple perspectives and approaches involved, analyze pertinent evidence, and write and speak clearly by participating in scholarly conversation. Offered by Honors College. Limited to three attempts.

Specialized Designation: Mason Impact.

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisite: (HNRS 111^{*C}).

^{*} May be taken concurrently.

^C Requires minimum grade of C.

Enrollment limited to students with the Honors College (Business), Honors College (STEM), or Honors College. attributes.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

HNRS 111: *Honors College Colloquium*. 1 credit.

Honors College Colloquium provides students a set of experiences that introduce them to the community and academic culture at George Mason University. Colloquium events are mini-lectures, discussions, workshops, and/or community building style events. These sessions offer students opportunities to connect with faculty, advisors, leaders of student organizations, peer mentors, Honors College Alumni, and more. Offered by Honors College. Limited to three attempts.

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisite: (HNRS 110^{*C}).

^{*} May be taken concurrently.

^C Requires minimum grade of C.

Enrollment limited to students with the Honors College (Business), Honors College (STEM), or Honors College. attributes.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Satisfactory/No Credit scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

HNRS 122: *Reading the Arts (Topic Varies)*. 3 credits.

Course topic varies by semester and section. Students will pursue focused questions or investigate specific topics in the arts by considering selected works of art and/or literature in historical, social, and formal contexts. Inquiry may be complemented by attendance and/or participation in creative activities. Offered by Honors College. Limited to three attempts.

Specialized Designation: Topic Varies

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with the Honors College (Business), Honors College (STEM), or Honors College. attributes.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

HNRS 130: *Identity, Community, and Difference (Topics Vary)*. 3 credits.

Pursues focused questions about how different conceptions of identity, community and difference are articulated and practiced in specific social and historical contexts. Students will explore how questions about individuality and subjectivity are asked in the humanities, arts, and/or social sciences. Offered by Honors College. Limited to three attempts.

Specialized Designation: Topic Varies

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with the Honors College (Business), Honors College (STEM), or Honors College. attributes.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

HNRS 131: *Contemporary Social Issues (Topic Varies)*. 3 credits.

Course topic varies by semester and section. Students will pursue a focused question about contemporary social issues. Students consider and apply theories, methods and evidence from the social sciences and humanities. Topics range in focus from global to local issues involving how power and inequality shape social and institutional structures. Offered by Honors College. Limited to three attempts.

Specialized Designation: Topic Varies

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: HNRS 110^C, 110^{XS}, 302^C, 302^{XS}, 108^C or 108^{XS}.

^C Requires minimum grade of C.

^{XS} Requires minimum grade of XS.

Enrollment limited to students with the Honors College (Business), Honors College (STEM), or Honors College. attributes.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

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HNRS 240: *Reading the Past (Topic Varies)*. 3 credits.

Course topic varies by semester and section. Students will pursue focused questions about a historical problem or situate a contemporary social issue in historical context. Students assess what is at stake in specific historiographic debates, consider how historical narratives are constructed and contested, and/or apply historical perspectives to analyze pressing social issues. Offered by Honors College. Limited to three attempts.

Specialized Designation: Topic Varies

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: HNRS 110^C, 110^{XS}, 302^C, 302^{XS}, 109^C or 109^{XS}.

^C Requires minimum grade of C.

^{XS} Requires minimum grade of XS.

Enrollment limited to students with the Honors College (Business), Honors College (STEM), or Honors College. attributes.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

HNRS 260: *Society and Community Engagement Topics (Topics Vary)*. 3 credits.

Course topic varies by semester and section. Students pursue focused questions about a problem facing a community, society, or government. Students assess what is at stake in specific debates, consider how narratives are constructed and contested and/or apply multiple perspectives to analyze pressing social issues. Offered by Honors College. May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits. Equivalent to HNRS 230.

Specialized Designation: Topic Varies

Recommended Prerequisite: Completion of 30 credits

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: HNRS 109^C, 109^{XS}, 110^C, 110^{XS}, 302^C or 302^{XS}.

^C Requires minimum grade of C.

^{XS} Requires minimum grade of XS.

Enrollment limited to students with the Honors College (Business), Honors College (STEM), or Honors College. attributes.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

HNRS 261: *Community Connection Practicum (Topics Vary)*. 3 credits.

Course topic varies by semester. Students will identify and address a challenge or question in response to the needs of the community. All students will contribute to and benefit from rigorous discussion among of a cohort of students representing multiple disciplines. Where relevant, the conversation also includes stakeholders from the community. Students learn to account for their own and for other points of view, and to adapt communication practices to reach those who do not share their backgrounds or expectations. As a result, they integrate new directions & approaches as well as alternate, divergent or contradictory perspectives or ideas. Offered by Honors College. May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits. Equivalent to HNRS 230.

Specialized Designation: Topic Varies

Recommended Prerequisite: Completion of 30 credits

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: HNRS 109^C, 109^{XS}, 110^C, 110^{XS}, 302^C or 302^{XS}.

^C Requires minimum grade of C.

^{XS} Requires minimum grade of XS.

Enrollment limited to students with the Honors College (Business), Honors College (STEM), or Honors College. attributes.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

300 Level Courses

HNRS 302: *Principles of Research and Inquiry for Transfer Students*. 3 credits.

Introduces students to a wide range of disciplinary research practices. Students learn how to pose and pursue a focused research question, identify and evaluate the multiple perspectives and approaches involved, analyze pertinent evidence, and write and speak clearly by participating in scholarly conversation. Offered by Honors College. Limited to three attempts.

Specialized Designation: Mason Impact.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with the Honors College (Business), Honors College (STEM), or Honors College. attributes.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

HNRS 360: *Multi-Disciplinary Topics (Topic Varies)*. 3 credits.

Course topic varies by semester and section. Students will ask and refine manageable research questions focused on a topical theme selected by the instructor. Students will evaluate, analyze, and synthesize new or existing evidence and explicitly identify and explain the implications of connections between their findings and existing scholarship. The results of projects developed in this research seminar will be communicated in the form of papers, public or digital communications, visual representations, public presentations, performances, and/or other significant deliverables. Offered by Honors College. May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits. Equivalent to HNRS 353.

Specialized Designation: Topic Varies

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: HNRS 260^C, 260^{XS}, 261^C or 261^{XS}.

^C Requires minimum grade of C.

^{XS} Requires minimum grade of XS.

Enrollment limited to students with the Honors College (Business), Honors College (STEM), or Honors College. attributes.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

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HNRS 361: *Multi-Disciplinary Practicum (Topic Varies)*. 3 credits.

Course topic varies by semester. Students in HNRS 361 identify and address a challenge or question that emerges from their individual goals & interests or in response to the needs of the community. All students in HNRS 361, whether pursuing individual or community challenges, contribute to and benefit from rigorous discussion among of a cohort of students representing multiple disciplines. Where relevant, the conversation also includes stakeholders from the community. Students learn to account for their own and for other points of view, and to adapt communication practices to reach those who do not share their backgrounds or expectations. As a result, they integrate new directions & approaches as well as alternate, divergent or contradictory perspectives or ideas. Course deliverables include strengthened and transformed proposals, reports, and/or prototypes. Offered by Honors College. May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits. Equivalent to HNRS 353.

Specialized Designation: Topic Varies

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: HNRS 260^C, 260^{XS}, 261^C or 261^{XS}.

^C Requires minimum grade of C.

^{XS} Requires minimum grade of XS.

Enrollment limited to students with the Honors College (Business),
Honors College (STEM), or Honors College. attributes.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

400 Level Courses

HNRS 499: *Special Topics*. 0-3 credits.

Selected topics reflecting interest in specialized areas. Notes: Topic announced in advance. Offered by Honors College. May be repeated within the term for a maximum 8 credits.

Specialized Designation: Topic Varies

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: (HNRS 110^C or 302^C).

^C Requires minimum grade of C.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Satisfactory/No Credit scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)