

## **HONORS PROGRAM COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

### **HNRS 101: IDEAS (2)**

In this first of four seminars, students will be asked to identify an interdisciplinary idea that provides a stimulating topic for academic inquiry and to form collaborative groups. Students will then modify and advance the idea to produce a research proposal and plan of action that will come to fruition in HNRS 102. The seminar encourages creative inquiry by asking students to not only develop but also challenge ideas. Students will examine a variety of research tools and methodologies, and will explore different modes for presenting research results. The seminar will also introduce techniques and technologies for effective collaboration. Open to first-year students. Registration by application only.

### **HNRS 102: INQUIRY (2)**

In this second of four seminars, student groups will execute the research projects proposed at the end of HNRS 101. As groups engage in the process of investigation and discovery - producing results or encountering obstacles - the seminar will provide a forum for progress reports, critique, and problem solving. Groups will be provided additional instruction in research processes, collaborative methods, and interdisciplinary connections as needs occur. The results of all projects will be presented in the annual Student Conference, held in late spring. Open to first-year students. Registration by application only. Prerequisite: HNRS 101.

### **HNRS 201: INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION I (2)**

This seminar, the third of the Honors Program sequence of four seminars, concentrates on the development and completion of individual, cross-disciplinary research projects. In the first part of the term, students will reflect on the process and outcome of their previous collaborative research projects and explore new ideas for individual year-long projects. A research proposal with a list of resources and a detailed plan of action will be completed by mid-term, and the seminar as a whole will critique the proposals and subsequent progress reports. Prerequisite: HNRS 102 and permission. Registration by application only.

### **HNRS 202: INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION II (2)**

In this final seminar of the Honors Program sequence, students will continue the work of their research plans developed in the previous term in HNRS 201, and bring the projects to conclusion. Each student will investigate venues for the presentation of the results and participate in at least one academic conference. Prerequisite: HNRS 201 and permission. Registration by application only.