

Honors College (HONR)

Division of Exploratory Studies & Academic Success

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HONR F101 Introduction to the Honors College

1 Credit

Offered Fall

This course explains the services provided by the University in general and the Honors College specifically and how to best achieve goals in this academic setting. Student explores personal interests, strengths and weaknesses. Culminates in the development of an academic plan for a four-year degree program at UAF.

Prerequisites: Admission to the UAF Honors College.

Lecture + Lab + Other: 1 + 0 + 0

Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

HONR F125 Our Changing Climate: Past, Present, Future (s)

3 Credits

Offered Fall and Spring

Examines how the biophysical impacts of climate change define and intersect with social, ecological, economic, political and cultural dimensions of our lives. Provides a foundation in both Indigenous and Western science perspectives of the causes, impacts and feedbacks of a changing climate. Includes theoretical and project-based experience in climate change.

Prerequisites: Placement in WRTG F111X.

Cross-listed with ACNS F125, NRM F125, RD F125.

Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

HONR F201 Methods of Inquiry

3 Credits

Offered Fall

This course introduces students to epistemology, the theory of knowledge, and provides a broad overview of research methods from the perspectives of the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences. The course content provides a foundation for the Honors student who will be developing independent research for their capstone thesis project.

Prerequisites: COM F131X, COM F141X, WRTG F211X, WRTG F212X, WRTG F213X or WRTG F214X; admission to the Honors College.

Lecture + Lab + Other: 0 + 0 + 0

Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

HONR F225 Wicked Problems: Countering Climate Change on Campus

3 Credits

Offered Spring

This course will introduce students to the concept of wicked problems. The course will focus specifically on climate-related issues on the university campus and will aim to break down disciplinary silos to foster collaboration and innovative problem-solving.

Prerequisites: HONR F125.

Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

HONR F290 Honors Reading Seminar (h)

2 Credits

Offered Fall

Selected readings in a variety of disciplines. Students provide written reflections, respond to specific questions on the books, and meet to discuss the books. May be repeated for credit.

Prerequisites: WRTG F111X; enrollment in the Honors College.

Lecture + Lab + Other: 2 + 0 + 0

Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

Repeatable for Credit: May be taken 3 times for up to 6 credits

HONR F291 Climate Scholars Field Intensive

2 Credits

Offered Fall, Spring and Summer

In Alaska, rapidly warming temperatures are thawing permafrost, changing vegetation and increasing wildfires at unprecedented rates. This course examines the impacts of climate change through a combination of lecture and praxis with an emphasis on developing student research, transdisciplinary skills and communication capabilities.

Prerequisites: HONR F125.

Special Notes: Check the section notes to identify the field intensive topic and site you wish to register for.

Lecture + Lab + Other: 1.5 + 0 + 2

Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

Repeatable for Credit: May be taken 4 times for up to 8 credits

HONR F298 Research

1-6 Credits

Lecture + Lab + Other: 1-6 + 0 + 0

Grading System: Pass/Fail Grades

Repeatable for Credit: May be taken 6 times for up to unlimited credits

HONR F301 Honors Interdisciplinary Seminar

3 Credits

Offered Spring

Honors students will explore a problem or challenge of national or international significance from the perspective of the natural sciences, social sciences, and humanities. Students will be expected to research information and present it, to lead discussions, and to propose ways to address the problem.

Prerequisites: COM F131X or COM F141X; WRTG F211X, WRTG F212X, WRTG F213X or WRTG F214X; admission to the Honors College.

Lecture + Lab + Other: 0 + 0 + 0

Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

Repeatable for Credit: May be taken 3 times for up to 9 credits

HONR F381 Honors Capstone Development

1 Credit

Offered As Demand Warrants

In recognition of the value of the capstone project, and to support each student's goal to successfully complete it, the sequence of Honors Capstone courses is recommended. Students in this first course will develop their capstone proposal and by the end will be fully prepared to begin their capstone project.

Prerequisites: COM F141X or COM F131X; WRTG F211X, WRTG F212X, WRTG F213X or WRTG F214X; enrollment in the Honors College.

Recommended: Honors sections of WRTG F211X or WRTG F213X and of COM F141X.

Special Notes: The single greatest part of the Honors education at UAF is the student's capstone project, which uniquely defines them as a scholar.

Lecture + Lab + Other: 1 + 0 + 0

Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

HONR F382 Honors Capstone Support

1 Credit

Offered As Demand Warrants

In recognition of the value of the capstone project, and to support each student's goal to successfully complete their capstone project, the sequence of Honors Capstone courses is strongly recommended. By the completion of the course, each student will have made significant advancement towards the completion of their capstone project.

Prerequisites: COM F141X or COM F131X; HONR F381; WRTG F211X, WRTG F212X, WRTG F213X or WRTG F214X; enrollment in the Honors College.

Recommended: Honors sections of WRTG F211X or WRTG F213X and of COM F141X.

Lecture + Lab + Other: 1 + 0 + 0

Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

Repeatable for Credit: May be taken 2 times for up to 3 credits

HONR F383 Honors Capstone Seminar

1 Credit

Offered As Demand Warrants

To support each Honors student's goal to successfully complete their capstone project, the sequence of Honors Capstone courses is recommended. Students in this last course will present their work to an audience of their peers, and practice the skills of posing substantive questions to speakers outside their own fields.

Prerequisites: COM F141X or COM F131X; HONR F381; HONR F382; WRTG F211X, WRTG F212X, WRTG F213X or WRTG F214X; enrollment in the Honors College.

Recommended: Honors sections of WRTG F211X, WRTG F212X, WRTG F213X or WRTG F214X and of COM F141X.

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Lecture + Lab + Other: 1 + 0 + 0

Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

HONR F390 Liability and Values

3 Credits

Offered As Demand Warrants

The study of standards of conduct and moral judgment. The professional, moral and ethical responsibilities of the individual to employers, employees and society will be examined.

Prerequisites: Sophomore standing; permission of the Honors Director or instructor.

Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

HONR F453 Fire, Ice, and the Fate of Humanity: A History of Energy and Climate Change (s)

3 Credits

Offered Spring

This course examines how energy regimes and climatic changes have structured the history of the world, with a focus on North America. From the Little Ice Age to the Atomic Age and the Anthropocene, energy and climate have contoured the fate of humanity.

Crosslisted with ACNS F453; HIST F453.

Stacked with ACNS F653.

Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

HONR F498 Research

1-6 Credits

Lecture + Lab + Other: 1-6 + 0 + 0

Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

Repeatable for Credit: May be taken 6 times for up to unlimited credits

HONR F499 Senior Thesis

1-6 Credits

Lecture + Lab + Other: 0 + 0 + 0

Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

Repeatable for Credit: May be taken unlimited times for up to 6 credits