

HONORS COLLEGE

Summer & Fall 2024 Course List



Elliott T. Bowers Honors College
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Summer Seminars & Research

- **HONR 3331.01: Culture and Society - The History of Now (CRN 41132)** **ONLINE** **J. Littlejohn**
The online seminar will focus on recent books, articles, podcasts, and films that explore personal narratives about life in America today. Students will be asked to engage with and respond to various texts on class, race, and gender identity.
- **HONR 3331.02: Culture and Society - Museums (CRN 41133)** **ONLINE** **R. Lewis**
It is a fundamental drive to collect and preserve one's culture and heritage, but what exactly is the purpose of a museum? Museums 101 will introduce students to the function of museums in society by examining the history and mission of museums. Students will learn the importance of using objects to tell culturally based stories to visitors. Students will also explore the reasons why primary documents and other source materials are vital to research and interpretation. The course presents the basics of administration, collections care, research, education, and exhibition. In addition, it will explore the relevancy of museums and their tactile collections in an increasingly digital and virtual world.
- **HONR 3332.01: Hawaii Field Study (CRN 42102)** **A. Fujimoto-Strait**
- **HONR 4095.01: Independent Study* (CRN 41344)** **K. Bell**
- **HONR 4095.02: Independent Study* (CRN 41345)** **K. Bell**
- **HONR 4398.01: Honors Thesis I* (CRN 41340)** **K. Bell**
- **HONR 4398.02: Honors Thesis I* (CRN 41341)** **K. Bell**
- **HONR 4399.01: Honors Thesis II* (CRN 41635)** **K. Bell**
- **HONR 4399.02: Honors Thesis II* (CRN 41636)** **K. Bell**

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Fall Honors Courses

- **BIOL 1406.13: General Biology I (CRN 85678)** **MWF 9:00 AM - 9:50 AM** **T. Prim**
- **BIOL 1406.14: General Biology I LAB (CRN 85679)** **M 2:00 PM - 4:50 PM** **T. Prim**
- **CRIJ 3340.01: Gender and Crime (CRN 83706)** **MW 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM** **C. Gonzalez**
- **ENGL 1301.10: Composition I (CRN 80124)** **MWF 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM** **K. Gragert**
- **ENGL 2332.04: World Lit I: Before 17th Century (CRN 86782)** **TR 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM** **K. Bell**
- **ENGL 3330.20: Intro to Technical Writing (CRN 80643)** **TR 2:00 PM - 3:15PM** **A. O'Brien**
- **PSYC 1301.07: Introduction to Psychology (CRN 86833)** **MWF 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM** **S. Duncan**
- **UNIV 1101.76: Bearkat U: Honors Learning Community (CRN 80041)** **TR 2:00 PM - 2:50 PM** **J. Cook**
- **UNIV 1101.77: Bearkat U: Honors Learning Community (CRN 80042)** **TR 2:00 PM - 2:50 PM** **J. Child**
- **UNIV 1101.78: Bearkat U: Honors Learning Community - Honors Scholars ONLY (CRN 80043)** **TR 2:00 PM - 2:50 PM** **K. Gragert**

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Fall Honors Research

- **HONR 4095.01: Independent Study*** (CRN 82409) **K. Bell**
- **HONR 4095.02: Independent Study*** (CRN 86142) **K. Bell**
- **HONR 4095.03: Independent Study*** (CRN 86443) **K. Bell**
- **HONR 4095.04: Independent Study*** (CRN 86444) **K. Bell**
- **HONR 4398.01: Honors Thesis I*** (CRN 82406) **K. Bell**
- **HONR 4399.01: Honors Thesis II*** (CRN 82407) **K. Bell**

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Fall Seminars

**A. Gravois,
P. Eaton**

HONR 3322.01: Journeys- TED (CRN 81061)

ONLINE

This course offers scholars an opportunity to critically engage with TED Talks. Scholars examine TED as a cultural phenomenon; develop skills in critically analyzing TED Talks; conduct research on the impact of TED in people's lives; and develop, revise, memorize, practice, and deliver their own TED-style Talk to a live small audience of their peers. Scholars who have completed this course have gained important skills in analysis of public speech, critical thinking, analytical and persuasive writing, public speaking, and self-confidence. The course contributes significantly to personal and professional growth.

The course is primarily asynchronous, supported by **some synchronous learning activities**, including two full-class meetings (held via Zoom), four small group meetings (held via Zoom), and a full-day TEDxSHSU event scheduled for October 24, 2024, at the SHSU main campus in Huntsville (held in person). Students will also have asynchronous course assignments weekly throughout the term. **Students who wish to enroll in this course must fill out a Course Application form and email it to honors@shsu.edu. Deadline: April 20.**

HONR 3322.02: Journeys- Engagement (CRN 85694)

W 11:00 AM - 1:50 PM

J. Wozniak

The SHSU motto is "A measure of a life is its service." This Honors Seminar will expand the student's appreciation and understanding of how to go beyond service and to engage with our community. Students will learn the theoretical framework of engaged learning, the various forms of community engagement, and the tools to harness the life-long benefits of experiential learning. This team-taught course will provide students with several different community engagement perspectives and opportunities. Students will venture beyond the university classroom to engage with the local community partners in a mutually beneficial educational experience. It is hoped that students will emerge from the class with an enhanced sense of place and an appreciation of cultural humanity.

HONR 3331.01: Culture and Society- Kung Fu (CRN 81057)

R 4:00 PM - 6:50 PM

R. Lewis

In this course, we look at the history and culture surrounding Kung Fu. We will study its portrayal in the movies and popular culture. Students will learn the anatomy of Kung Fu and the muscles and mechanics behind it. Students should be prepared to do activities with controlled physical contact (Kung Fu drills and basic self-defense exercises), although no fighting will take place in the class. Martial arts attire is not required, but students must wear flexible clothing in which they can move freely. Students who demonstrate the required techniques and knowledge will earn a Yellow Belt in Kung Fu San Soo at the end of the course.

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HONR 3331.02: Culture and Society- Barbie (CRN 86438)

R 2:00 PM - 4:50 PM

**A. Mouton,
C. Gonzalez**

This course will explore the cultural icon that is Barbie. The course will consider both Barbie's positive and negative impacts on children, play, culture, and advocacy. Throughout the course, we will discuss a variety of topics related to Barbie, including, but not limited to, Mattel and the business of Barbie, Barbie, and sport, finding your career passion through Barbie, Barbie takes on feminism and the patriarchy, the international Barbie, and of course, the Barbie movie. During the course, students should be prepared to "play" with the idea of Barbie while engaging in both self-reflection and critical inspection of Barbie's place in our culture.

HONR 3342.01: The Word- Elections (CRN 85696)

T 2:00 PM - 4:50 PM

T. Waggener

This course focuses on the upcoming 2024 national and state elections, foreign and domestic policy issues relevant to the 2024 elections, and Texas voter registration and voting laws. The broad objective of the course is to help students develop the skills and knowledge they need to become life-long voters. A special note: All students' political opinions are welcomed in the classroom. Instructors will NOT introduce their political opinions into the classroom.

**B. Kaminska,
J. Littlejohn,
S. Buehler,
L. Al-Kofahy**

HONR 3342.02: The Word- Race and Medicine (CRN 86439)

T 6:00 PM - 8:50 PM

L. Al-Kofahy

This collaboratively taught course explores intersections of race and medicine in historical, ethical, social, and clinical contexts. After a series of introductory meetings discussing topics such as medical experiments, obstetrics, healthcare access, and disability, students will work in small groups with a faculty mentor on specific research projects. They will present their projects at the end of the semester to other students in the course, as well as Nursing students.

HONR 3365.01: Decision Making (CRN 86441)

R 11:00 AM - 1:50 PM

S. Koether

In today's complex world, the ability to make effective decisions is paramount. From selecting political representatives, heeding medical advice, or even choosing a meal, decisions have an impact, both large and small. This course delves into the intricate mechanisms and constraints behind decision-making and why even the brightest minds can sometimes arrive at incorrect conclusions. Students will cultivate a nuanced understanding of decision-making processes through interactive lectures, engaging discussions, and hands-on exercises. By exploring the interplay of worldview, bias, group dynamics, logic, and reason, participants will emerge equipped to navigate the complexities of decision-making with heightened awareness and discernment.

HONR 3375.01: Honors Dialogue: Culture of Violence (CRN 86442)

ONLINE

J. Littlejohn

This course will be based on the new book 'Steeped in a Culture of Violence: Murder, Racial Injustice, and Other Violent Crimes in Texas, 1965-2020'. Specific topics of discussion will include: Homicide in Texas, Intimate Partner Violence, Racial Violence, Gang Violence, Prison Violence, Hate Crimes, and Mass Shootings.