UNIV 1301: Honors Intro To Collegiate Studies

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**UNIV 1301** is designed to enhance the first-year experience for beginning Honors College students and to increase student success in collegiate studies at Sam Houston State University. Class size is small, usually 25 or less, with a seminar-based pedagogy allowing for relationship building as well as skills enhancement.

**Students receive:**

- Academic & personal survival tools
- An overview to the resources & services available at SHSU
- Involvement with other Honors students and the Honors College faculty
- Personal mentoring & academic advising by Honors College faculty
- Advanced skills for research and oral presentation, self-reflection writing, and leadership development

Students learn about individual strengths and develop strategies for academic success and preparation for post-graduate studies or professional careers. The seminar format incorporates civic engagement with integrated learning activities that focus on a solid foundation of skills needed for success both academically and emotionally.

The varied content of the course facilitates a smoother transition into the college culture.

**Content areas include:**

- Goal setting & time management skills
- Academic writing & research skills
- Critical thinking skills
- Major & career exploration
- Wellness strategies
- Money management
- Leadership/civic service awareness
Beginning in Honors: Putting the Pieces Together for Student Success

Honors students enjoy the best of our university’s benefits—the supportive environment of our small college and the resources of a large, diverse university.

**Be first.**
Starting with special Early Advising sessions in April, Honors students enjoy priority course registration with personalized advising and first choice of classes.

**Share an experience.**
Before classes even begin, students make lifelong friends and get to know professors at Wake Up with Honors. New and returning students share breakfast and coffee with Honors faculty in the Honors Lounge. Next, the Honors Welcome Retreat at Bearkat Camp welcomes new students through, skits, sports, and games organized by upper class Honors Ambassadors. Additional leadership and community service activities organized by Honors Student Advisory Council leaders and Ambassadors provide students with guidance and support for navigating their first year.

**Get informed.**
Honors offers contracts for independent study and small, discussion-style classes for core and major course options. From Intro to Collegiate Studies to the Journeys Seminar, faculty from different disciplines bring students together in shared conversations about hot topics, music, culture, politics, and the ideas that shape our world.

**Go investigate.**
Through the Undergraduate Research Symposium, students benefit from mentored research to gain hands-on experience in a variety of disciplines and in conference presentations. Additional Honors courses and programs provide access to speakers, workshops, service learning, and other opportunities to develop students’ talents.

**Explore the world.**
Honors College students travel the world with classmates and professors: language studies in Mexico, Chemistry projects in Germany, agricultural studies in Europe, research experiments in China, and more.

**Get involved.**
Students, faculty and staff attend Houston area events from musical theatre shows, professional soccer and basketball games, museum trips, and Ren Fest, among others. Both HSAC and Honors Ambassadors offer an opportunity to join in. Honors students show their Bearkat spirit at Homecoming tailgate and other sporting events.

**Have a home away from home.**
Comfortable couches and a coffee bar in the Honors Lounge invite students to a home away from home for studying and relaxing. Students also have exclusive access to facilities in the Honors College including a computer lab, library reading room, and honors residence hall.

**Graduate with distinction.**
Students complete the Honors curriculum within their degree plan to earn the distinction of graduating “With Honors” at commencement, going beyond traditional Latin honors. A senior thesis offers the capstone to an undergraduate career—and the additional distinction of graduating “With Highest Honors”.
