

GCU HONORS COLLEGE

Graduation Requirements and Honors Course Catalog

2025-26

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HONORS COLLEGE

HONORS COLLEGE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The GCU Honors College requires students to meet the following criteria to progress through the program and graduate with the honors minor and honors distinction on their transcript:

- **Maintain a minimum 3.25 GPA at GCU (reviewed annually)**
- **Complete Honors College coursework**
 - » Complete 28 credits of honors coursework (for incoming freshmen and transfers starting on or after Fall 2024)
 - » Transfer students must have 40 credits available before being admitted to the Honors College
- **Participate and pass an HON prefix course, such as HON-110: Honors Symposium**
- **Complete required Honors College general education courses**
 - » HUM-109HN Knowledge and Technology in the Humanities – **Required**
 - HUM-109HN replaces all UNV courses offered by GCU, including UNV-103, UNV-107, UNV-108 and UNV-112
 - » CWV-106HN Christianity: Story, Theology and Mission – **Required**
 - CWV-106HN replaces CWV-101
 - » HUM-201HN Intersections Between the Humanities and Sciences – **Required**
 - HUM-201HN replaces ENG-106 but can also be applied within *effective communication* general education or *elective* categories

Please review the GCU Policy Handbook regularly to stay current on all GCU Honors College program policies and graduation requirements. Also note, transfer coursework, including credits earned through dual enrollment, other colleges or universities, AP, IB or CLEP tests, is not accepted for HUM-109HN, CWV-106HN and HUM-201HN. All honors students, including incoming and transfer students, are required to complete a minimum of two out of three honors general education courses.

HONORS COLLEGE CORE COURSES

Honors College Symposium Course Options

The **HON-110 Honors Symposium** is a mandatory 0-credit, co-curricular requirement for all first-year honors students. Honors students are required to enroll in, participate and pass the Honors Symposium once during their time at GCU. Select a symposium course section from the list below and contact your honors SSC to register for your section of choice. The section you select should align with your degree program, minors and future career goals.

HON-110 is hosted on Mondays for 75 minutes during the first seven weeks of the semester. This course is offered in both the fall and spring terms.



- Section "M100CAM" for all College of Arts and Media (CAM) majors
- Section "M900HCP" for all non-nursing majors within the College of Nursing and Health Care Professions (CONHCP)
- Section "M100CCOB" for all Colangelo College of Business (CCOB) majors
- Section "M100COE" for all elementary and secondary education majors
- Section "M3EXSCI" for all exercise science, physical education and nutritional science majors
- Section "M1HUMANI" for all English, communications, professional writing and Spanish majors
- Section "M3ENGINEER" for all engineering majors within the College of Engineering and Technology (CET)
- Section "M3FORENS" for all forensic science majors within the College of Natural Sciences (CNS)
- Section "M3BIOLOG" for all biology and science majors within CNS
- Section "M300TECH" for all technology, computer science, computer programming and cybersecurity majors within CET
- Section "M3JUSGOV" for all justice studies, government and pre-law majors within the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHSS)
- Section "M1NURSG" for all pre-licensure nursing majors within the College of Nursing and Health Care Professions (CONHCP)
- Section "M1PSYCH" for all psychology, behavioral health and related majors within CHSS
- Section "M1SOCIO" for all sociology and social work majors within CHSS
- Section "M100COT" for all College of Theology (COT) majors

Honors-Only Electives

- HON-320 College to Career Momentum (2 credits, 15-week course)
- HON-355 Academic Journal Writing (2 credits, 8-week course)
- HON-380 Honors LSAT Preparation (2 credits, 8-week course)
- SCE-300HN Honors Space Foundations (2 credits)

SPECIAL NOTE: Honors College core course options may change as degree programs are newly developed or revised from its original version. Please review the 2025-26 GCU Academic Catalog online or meet with your honors student services counselor (SSC) to discuss your honors course options.

ABOUT HONORS CORE COURSES AND THE HONORS ADDENDUM

Most honors core courses use an honors addendum. Honors students are integrated into a non-honors classroom and follow an addendum to the standard course syllabus. This addendum modifies a select number of assignments and/or exams throughout the course to enhance your learning experience. Be sure to locate the honors addendum in the Course Materials section of Halo at the beginning of your course and identify the assignments that will include modifications or adjustments. ***It is the honors student's responsibility to approach the faculty member during week one of each honors course to review and discuss the honors addendum, as well as future collaboration. Students enrolled in an honors addendum course will have a green star next to the course title on their Halo account.***

QUESTIONS? Contact GCUHonors@gcu.edu or your honors SSC if you need further assistance with an honors core course.

HONORS COLLEGE CORE COURSES

College of Education

- ECE-220HN Typical and Atypical Behaviors in Early Childhood (4 credits)
- ECE-360HN Family, Community and Cultural Awareness in Early Childhood (4 credits)
- ECS-435HN Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting for Early Childhood/Special Education (4 credits)
- ELM-201HN Social Justice for Educators (4 credits)
- ELM-251HN Creating and Managing Equitable and Engaging Learning Environments (4 credits)
- ELM-250HN Creating and Managing Engaging Learning Environments (4 credits)
- ESL-433HN Advanced Methodologies of Structured English Immersion (4 credits)
- ESL-440HN Methods of Structured English Immersion for Elementary Education (3 credits)
- ESL-436NHN Methods of Structured English Immersion for Early Childhood Education (3 credits)
- ESL-445NHN Methods of Structured English Immersion for Secondary Education (3 credits)
- ESL-446NHN Methods of Structured English Immersion for K-12 Education (3 credits)
- SPD-208HN Survey of Special Education: Teaching Children with Exceptionalities (4 credits)

Colangelo College of Business

- BIT-415HN IT Project Management (4 credits)
- BIT-417HN IT Governance and Ethics (4 credits)
- BIT-430HN Introduction to Business Analytics (4 credits)
- BIT-435HN Advanced Business Analytics (4 credits)
- BIT-470HN Strategic Information Systems Management (4 credits)
- BUS-340HN Ethical and Legal Issues in Business (4 credits)
- BUS-485HN Strategic Management (4 credits)
- ECN-351HN Essentials of Economics (4 credits)
- ECN-361HN Microeconomics (4 credits)
- ENT-436HN Intrapreneurship and Innovation (4 credits)
- FIN-350HN Fundamentals of Business Finance (4 credits)
- MGT-420HN Organizational and Behavior Management (4 credits)
- **MGT-422HN Honors Organizational and Behavioral Management¹ (4 credits)**
- MGT-455HN Production/Operations Management (4 credits)
- MGT-465HN Employee Relations (4 credits)
- MGT-460HN Workforce Planning (4 credits)
- MKT-462HN Digital Marketing and Advertising (4 credits)

College of Natural Sciences

- BIO-257HN Principles of Genetics (4 credits)
- BIO-319HN Applied Nutrition (4 credits)
- BIO-322HN Pathophysiology (4 credits)
- BIO-330HN Pathophysiology and Pharmacology (4 credits)
- BIO-333HN Molecular and Cellular Biology (4 credits)
- BIO-342HN Analysis of Biological Diversification (4 credits)
- BIO-420HN Conservation Biology (4 credits)
- BIO-440HN Body Fluid and DNA Analysis (4 credits)
- BIO-457HN Genetics (4 credits)
- **BIO-458HN Honors Genetics¹ (4 credits)**
- BIO-463HN Animal Pathophysiology (4 credits)
- BIO-475HN Advanced Genetics (3 credits)
- BIO-475LHN Advanced Genetics Lab (1 credit)
- BIO-483HN Pathophysiology (4 credits)
- **BIO-485HN Honors Pathophysiology¹ (4 credits)**
- CHM-315HN Analytical Chemistry (3 credits)
- CHM-315LHN Analytical Chemistry (1 credit)
- CHM-350HN Fundamental Biochemistry (3 credits)
- CHM-350LHN Fundamental Biochemistry Lab (1 credit)
- CHM-360HN Principals of Biochemistry (3 credits)
- CHM-360LHN Principals of Biochemistry Lab (1 credit)
- CHM-365HN Instrumental Analysis (3 credits)
- CHM-365LHN Instrumental Analysis Lab (1 credits)
- CHM-451HN Pharmacology (4 credits)
- CHM-460HN Advanced Biochemistry (3 credits)
- CHM-460LHN Advanced Biochemistry Lab (1 credit)
- ENV-220HN Essentials of Environmental Science (4 credits)
- ENV-300HN Environmental and Human Health Risk Assessment (4 credits)
- ENV-402HN Chemical Investigation and Remediation Strategies (3 credits)
- ENV-402LHN Chemical Investigation and Remediation Strategies Lab (1 credit)
- EXS-335HN Kinesiology (3 credits)
- EXS-335LHN Kinesiology Lab (1 credit)
- EXS-340HN Physiology of Exercise (3 credits)
- EXS-340HNL Physiology of Exercise Lab (1 credit)
- EXS-430HN Health Promotions (4 credits)
- EXS-455HN Advances Principles of Sports Performance (3 credits)
- EXS-455LHN Advances Principles of Sports Performance Lab (1 credit)
- MLS-402HN Advanced Laboratory Concepts (4 credits)
- MLS-410HN Project/Research I (1 credit)
- MLS-418HN Project/Research II (1 credit)
- NSC-305HN Nutrition Across the Lifespan (4 credits)
- NSC-495HN Capstone in Nutrition (4 credits)
- PED-450HN Methods of Teaching and Assessing Health (4 credits)
- PHY-122HN University Physics II (3 credits)
- PHY-122LHN University Physics II Lab (1 credit)
- SCT-328HN Science Methods and Communication (4 credits)

College of Engineering and Technology

- BME-480HN Bioimaging (3 credits)
- BME-480LHN Bioimaging Lab (1 credit)
- CEE-312HN Advanced Embedded Systems Design and Lab (4 credits)
- CST-217HN Principles of Database Design and Programming Lecture and Lab (4 credits)
- CST-239HN Programming in Java II (4 credits)
- CST-305HN Principles of Modeling and Simulation Lecture and Lab (4 credits)
- CST-320HN Human-Computer Interaction and Communications Lecture and Lab (4 credits)
- CST-321HN Operating Systems Fundamentals (4 credits)
- CST-345HN Database Design and Development (4 credits)
- CST-410HN Game Design and Game Play Lecture and Lab (4 credits)
- CST-416HN Mobile Game Development Lecture and Lab (4 credits)
- CST-435HN Search Engines and Data Mining (4 credits)
- CST-440HN Analytics for Dynamic Social Networks Lecture and Lab (4 credits)
- CST-451HN Senior Project I (2 credits)
- CST-452HN Senior Project II (2 credits)
- CYB-300HN Fundamentals in Cyber Security (4 credits)

- CYB-420HN Global Perspectives on Cyberwarfare (4 credits)
- EEE-302HN Advanced Circuits Lab (4 credits)
- EEE-320HN Electronics and Devices and Lab (4 credits)
- EEE-431HN Communications Signal Processing and Lab (4 credits)
- ESG-451HN Capstone Project I (2 credits)
- ESG-452HN Capstone Project II (2 credits)
- ETG-410HN Controls and Instrumentation (4 credits)
- ETG-498HN Senior Project I (2 credits)
- ETG-499HN Senior Project II (2 credits)
- ISE-301HN Probability and Statistics for Industrial Engineering and Lab (4 credits)
- ISE-401HN Decision Science (4 credits)
- ITT-216HN Enterprise Routing and Switching (4 credits)
- ITT-316HN Edge Networks (4 credits)
- ITT-321HN Cloud Systems Administration and Maintenance (4 credits)
- ITT-415HN IT Business Case Planning for Global Enterprise (4 credits)
- ITT-490HN IT Project Management Capstone (4 credits)
- MEE-340HN Structure and Property of Materials (3 credits)
- MEE-340LHN Structure and Property of Materials Lab (1 credit)
- SCE-300HN Honors Space Foundations (2 credits)
- STG-242LHN Science of Solid Materials Lab (1 credit)
- STG-330HN Thermodynamics and Lab (4 credits)
- STG-350HN Electromagnetic Fields and Optics (3 credits)
- STG-350LHN Electromagnetic Fields and Optics Lab (1 credit)
- STG-390HN Professionalism in Science and Technology-Communications (4 credits)
- SWE-310HN Software Engineering I (4 credits)

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

- BHS-320HN Ethics of Behavioral Health Science (4 credits)
- BHS-420HN Human Development (4 credits)
- BHS-430HN Introduction to Family Dynamics (4 credits)
- **COM-211HN Honors Public Speaking¹ (4 credits)**
- COM-312HN Conflict Negotiation (4 credits)
- COM-355HN Communication and Research Methods (4 credits)
- COM-362HN Argumentation and Advocacy (4 credits)
- COM-451HN Relational Communications (4 credits)
- COM-456HN Organizational Communications (4 credits)
- ENG-240HN Writing for the 21st Century Workplace (4 credits)
- ENG-355HN Multicultural Literature (4 credits)
- ENG-451HN Shakespeare and History of Drama (4 credits)
- ENG-456HN Communicating Scientific Ideas to Popular Audiences (4 credits)
- ENG-460HN The Novel (4 credits)
- GOV-307HN Introduction to Political Theory (4 credits)
- GOV-358HN Research Methods in Government and Politics (4 credits)
- GOV-364HN Public Policy Analysis (4 credits)
- GOV-378HN American Constitution (4 credits)
- HIS-380HN Renaissance and Reformation (4 credits)
- HIS-426HN 20th Century Europe (4 credits)
- HIS-450HN US History Since 1945 (4 credits)
- HIS-466HN Southwest Borderlands (4 credits)
- JUS-202HN Professional Responsibility in Justice (4 credits)
- JUS-212HN Criminal Behavior and Victimology (4 credits)
- JUS-320HN The Police Function (4 credits)
- JUS-325HN The Adjudication Function (4 credits)
- JUS-430HN Criminal Law (4 credits)
- MAT-312HN Higher Geometry (4 credits)
- MAT-470HN Mathematical Modeling (4 credits)
- PSY-255HN Personality Psychology (4 credits)
- PSY-362HN Social Psychology and Cultural Applications (4 credits)
- PSY-452HN Experimental Psychology (4 credits)
- PSY-470HN Abnormal Psychology (4 credits)
- SOC-320HN Marriage and Family (4 credits)
- SOC-417HN Sociological Theories (4 credits)
- SOC-436HN Stratification and Inequality in a Diverse Society (4 credits)
- SPA-310HN Spanish Composition and Grammar (4 credits)
- SPA-320HN Contemporary Issues (4 credits)
- PRW-345HN Introduction to Grant Writing (4 credits)

- PRW-301HN Reporting and Newswriting (4 credits)
- PRW-466HN Technical Writing (4 credits)
- SWK-360HN Human Behavior in the Social Environment I (4 credits)
- SWK-370HN Human Behavior in the Social Environment II (4 credits)
- SWK-455HN Generalist Social Work Practice I: Working with Individuals and Systems (4 credits)
- SWK-460HN Generalist Social Work Practice II: Groups, Communities and Organizations (4 credits)

College of Theology

- BIB-355HN Biblical Interpretation and Application (4 credits)
- CWV-316HN Christian Life: The Way of Jesus (4 credits)
- HTH-330HN Christian Ethics (4 credits)
- **HTH-352HN Honors Survey of Historical Theology¹ (4 credits)**
- HTH-475HN Applied Theology (4 credits)
- HTH-380HN Kingdom Diversity (4 credits)
- INT-310HN Christianity in a Global Context (4 credits)
- MIN-320HN Christian Character Formation (4 credits)
- MIN-430HN Ministerial Communication (4 credits)
- MIN-480HN Pastoral Leadership (4 credits)
- WSA-302HN Songwriting and Arranging (4 credits)
- WSA-321HN Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs (4 credits)
- WSA-322HN Theology and Worship (4 credits)
- WSA-420HN Audio Recording (4 credits)
- WSA-423HN Worship Lecture (4 credits)
- WSA-424HN Christian Worldview and Media (4 credits)

College of Arts and Media

- ADV-250HN Advanced Design Fundamentals (4 credits)
- ADV-340HN Media Law and Ethics (4 credits)
- ADV-350HN Digital Advertising Communication (4 credits)
- BRD-320HN Podcasting (4 credits)
- BRD-410HN Reporting for Broadcast (4 credits)
- DAN-200HN Somatics for the Dancer (2 credits)
- DAN-322HN Dance Technology (2 credits)
- DAN-390HN Choreography II: Process (2 credits)
- DAN-395HN Dance Production (4 credits)
- DDN-210HN Designing with Typography (4 credits)
- DDN-340HN History of Design (4 credits)
- DDN-400HN Business for the Design Professional (4 credits)
- DDN-476HN Portfolio (4 credits)
- DFP-101HN Introduction to Cinema: History and Aesthetics (4 credits)
- DFP-311HN Cinema Directing (4 credits)
- DFP-331HN Visual Storytelling (4 credits)
- DFP-455HN Advanced Digital Post-Production (4 credits)
- DSM-215HN Photo and Video for Social Media (4 credits)
- DSM-340HN Data and Analytics for Social Media (4 credits)
- DSM-400HN Reputation Management (4 credits)
- DSM-420HN Social Media Campaigns (4 credits)
- GMC-200HN World Building (4 credits)
- GMC-400HN Game Promotion and Marketing (4 credits)
- GMC-451HN Game Creation (4 credits)
- MUS-260HN: Music Theory III (4 credits)
- MUS-355HN: Music History I (4 credits)
- MUS-365HN: Music History II (4 credits)
- MUS-383HN: Conducting (4 credits)
- TRE-350HN Theatre History (4 credits)
- TRE-439HN Stage Direction (4 credits)
- TRE-475HN Stage Lighting and Design (4 credits)

College of Nursing and Health Care Professions

- CSD-220HN Speech-Language Development
- CSD-230HN Phonetics and Phonology
- CSD-340HN Cultural Responsiveness in Communication Disorders
- CSD-430HN Professional Issues and Ethical Considerations (4 credits)
- HCA-450HN Quality in Health Care (4 credits)

- HCA-455HN Organizational Behavior and Leadership in Health Care (4 credits)
- HCA-460HN Operations and Risk Management (4 credits)
- HCA-470HN Strategic Planning and Implementations in Health Care (4 credits)
- HIM-200HN Principles and Practices of Health Information Management (4 credits)
- HIM-370HN Health Care Information Systems (4 credits)
- HIM-415HN Clinical Data Management (4 credits)
- NSG-310HN Introduction to Professional Nursing (3 credits)
- NSG-322HN Behavioral Health Nurse (3 credits)
- NSG-440HN Population Health (3 credits)
- PUB-380HN Epidemiological Research Design and Methods (4 credits)
- PUB-390HN Foundations in Global Health Practice (4 credits)
- PUB-430HN Public Health Data Systems and Informatics (4 credits)
- PUB-480HN Ethical Practice in Public Health (4 credits)

Honors Elective Credit for Experiential Learning Opportunities

Honors students can now earn honors course credit toward their honors certificate through various experiential learning opportunities including an internship, professional service learning opportunity or through an approved global studies program or mission trip. Ask your SSC about open elective space in your program of study!

Do you have an internship this term?

- UNV-401HN University Internship (1 credit)
- UNV-410HN University Internship (2 credits)
- UNV-430HN University Internship (4 credits)
- UNV-440HN University Internship (8 credits)

Are you completing community service or professional service this term?

- LDR-461HN Professional Applications in Service Learning I (1 credit)
- LDR-462HN Professional Applications in Service Learning II (2 credits)
- LDR-463HN Professional Applications in Service Learning III (3 credits)

Do you plan to study abroad this semester?

- GSP-101AHN/GSP-101BHN Global Studies Portfolio (2 credits)
- GSP-201AHN/GSP-201BHN Global Studies Portfolio (4 credits)

Additional Honors Electives Recommended for All Majors

- COM-211HN Honors Public Speaking¹
- CWV-316HN Christian Life: The Way of Jesus¹

QUESTIONS? *Contact your SSC.*

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please note that some honors courses are 1 – 3 credits each rather than four credits. Please work with your SSC to ensure you are completing 28 credits of honors coursework.

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¹Honors only student cohort offered for this course.



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CUSTOM BUILD YOUR HONORS ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

0 CREDITS | HON-110: Honors Symposium

The honors symposium takes place during the first year and builds upon the topics of ethics, service, leadership, research, cultural awareness and innovative thinking that are discussed in other first-year courses in the honors program. This course further integrates professional development and guidance in preparing students for a future career within their respective industries. For upperclassmen and transfer students, see the full course catalog for other HON course offerings. Substitutions are available upon request.

Transfer Credits

Transfer credits from dual enrollment, AP, IB, CLEP and related programs are accepted if certain scores and grades are earned and if the credits fit within your coursewalk. Honors credits from other universities are non-transferable. Consult your student services counselor for more information.

28 CREDITS | Honors Coursework

Highlighted honors courses

- ▶ **4 CREDITS | HUM-109HN: Knowledge and Technology in the Humanities**
Replaces all UNV courses offered by GCU, including UNV-103, UNV-107, UNV-108 and UNV-112
- ▶ **4 CREDITS | CWV-106HN: Christianity: Story, Theology and Mission**
Replaces CWV-101
- ▶ **4 CREDITS | HUM-201HN: Intersections Between the Humanities and Sciences**
Replaces ENG-106 but can also be applied as effective communication or elective credits
- ▶ **REMAINING 16 CREDITS | View our full list of honors coursework options on the reverse page**

Remaining Credits for Degree Requirements

Complete all required program of study credits.



28
HONORS CREDITS
INCLUDED
IN YOUR REQUIRED
120 – 128
DEGREE CREDITS

HONORS COURSEWORK OPTIONS

► HONORS-ONLY COURSES

Honors course sections are uniquely written and designed for the honors student population. Honors-only courses are exclusive to members of the honors community and span a wide variety of disciplines.

► HONORS ADDENDUM COURSES

Students in the Honors College can choose from a catalog of 370 honors-exclusive courses as of September 2024. While honors students are integrated with non-honors students in the classroom, this addendum modifies the course's standard syllabus for honors students by substituting two to four honors assignments in place of currently required assignments. The honors addendum emphasizes critical thinking, application of knowledge and faculty-student collaboration.



[View our course catalog](#)

► HONORS ENRICHMENT CONTRACTS

Collaborate with your faculty member to create an honors learning experience within a non-honors course. In addition to completing the standard course syllabus, the faculty and student will collaborate on defining a project or relevant experiential learning experience to be integrated within the course.

► EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING FOR HONORS CREDIT

Students can earn honors course credit by completing an internship, participating in research or through a professional service learning experience. To earn honors credit, students must enroll in the corresponding honors course that supports these experiences.

► GLOBAL EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

UNV-380: 2 credits | UNV-385: 4 credits

Earn honors course credit through a short-term global studies program or mission experience coordinated by the Honors College or Global Studies Office. These programs focus on experiential learning, cultural immersion, history, literature, language proficiency and more in various countries around the globe.

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

► STUDENT SERVICES COUNSELORS (SSC)

Meet with an SSC to discuss all academic and financial needs throughout your program of study. These team members are here to support you throughout your academic journey.

► ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Honors students have access to the Honors Lounge, an additional study and collaborative workspace located in Engineering Building 1, room 230.

► GCU LIBRARY

Additional academic and research support is available at the GCU Library in Student Union Building 29, at [library.gcu.edu](#) or by visiting the virtual Student Success Center at [ssc.gcu.edu](#).

► SUPPORTING HONORS STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

The Honors College hosts various no-cost, co-curricular programs to best help students for their next steps. Visit the [Leadership in Action Institute page](#) on [gcu.edu](#) for more information on professional and leadership development programs, mentorship programs and beyond.

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