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Randy Smith
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Dear Randy,

On behalf of the Honors & Scholars Faculty Advisory Committee, I am delighted to propose revisions to the Honors program in the John Glenn School of Public Affairs. The program revisions have been approved by the Honors & Scholars Faculty Advisory Committee, as well as all appropriate approval bodies in the Glenn School.

Attached you will find the program proposal, as well as a list of General Education (GE) courses from which the Glenn School would like their students to choose when taking courses to meet their Honors requirements. The Glenn School began offering the undergraduate major three years ago. The quarter-based Honors program approved in 2011 and the subsequent semester-based program first offered in 2012 were largely curricular based. Given that they now have a 3-year track record of an undergraduate major, our colleagues in Public Affairs have re-evaluated their requirements. The result is a revision to the Honors program so that students may include some signature experiential components in their Honors career. Simultaneously, the program still requires that students complete a rigorous supply of Honors coursework.

We support these revisions, and applaud the John Glenn School of Public Affairs for their desire to expand Honors opportunities for their students. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Honors Requirements: John Glenn School of Public Affairs

General Honors Requirements: To graduate with Honors or Honors Research Distinction in Public Affairs, the John Glenn School of Public Affairs requires a cumulative 3.4 GPA, completion of 6 honors or 4000 or higher level classes (courses in the major core do not count towards this number) by the end of a student’s junior year and the completion of either the Honors Thesis (Honors Research Distinction in Public Affairs) or Honors Curriculum (Honors in Public Affairs) requirements.

Students who did not start at OSU in Honors can enroll after completion of one semester (15 credit hours) if they have a 3.4 GPA and have taken 1 Honors/upper-division course outside of the major core.

Honors Research Distinction (Honors Thesis Option): To satisfy the thesis portion of the Public Affairs Honors program and graduate with Honors Research Distinction, the following requirements must be met:

An original research project must be completed under the direction of a faculty advisor (Assistant Professor or higher) from the John Glenn School of Public Affairs. The student may also have one or more additional advisors who can come from any academic unit. A student should participate in honors research for at least two semesters with a commitment of at least 3 credit hours of Public Affairs 4999H per semester prior to final submission of the thesis. Honors research should be started no later than autumn of the student’s final year. To qualify for graduation with honors research distinction, the student must submit an Honors Thesis Application to the Glenn School. The proposal form must be signed by the faculty advisor; this ensures that all parties have a common understanding of the proposed plan to complete a thesis for a given graduation deadline. The honors thesis application must be approved by the Glenn School before the student registers for the 4999H course work and begins the research.

Acceptable standards for the written paper of the research thesis or project will be determined by the faculty project advisor. A satisfactory oral defense of the thesis or project is required. The oral defense will last one hour and will be evaluated by a committee of at least two faculty members, including the student’s faculty advisor.

Note: Any non-honors student with a GPA of 3.0 or higher may complete a research thesis under the guidelines outlined above in order to graduate with Research Distinction in Public Affairs.

Honors in Public Affairs (Honors Curriculum Option): In addition to the thesis option, students may also satisfy the requirements for graduation with Honors in Public Affairs through the completion of an Honors Curriculum. Requirements for the Honors Curriculum are as follows:
1. Two additional honors or upper division (4000 level and above) courses, outside of the Public Affairs major core. It IS acceptable for these courses to be part of a specialization track or minor.

AND

2. One of the following:
   a. Two graduate level classes (6000 level and above)*
   b. Completion of the Washington Academic Internship Program
   c. Completion of a semester length academic study abroad program**
   d. Completion of a dual degree
   e. Completion of a minimum of 3 credit hours of undergraduate research (Public Affairs 4998 or similar credit)

*Requires approval of the Graduate School
**Study abroad experience must be pre-approved by the Glenn School’s Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

Note: Students who complete both the Honors Thesis and Honors Curriculum will graduate with BOTH Honors and Honors Research Distinction in Public Affairs.
An Honors Guide to the General Education for Students Pursuing the Bachelor of Arts in Public Affairs

The John Glenn School of Public Affairs Honors Committee expects all honors students to develop distinguished curricular programs. Each student's program should reflect a commitment to taking the most challenging courses possible that fit the student's background. This document defines the general standards for rigor in a Public Affairs Honors Program, along with basic opportunities for flexibility in pursuing that objective. Specific course selections will vary among individuals. Students pursuing the Public Affairs Honors Curriculum are required to complete a minimum of eight honors or approved upper division courses. Students writing a Public Affairs Honors Thesis are required to complete a minimum of six honors or approved upper division courses.

Writing and Related Skills, 6 hours

First Course
English 1110.01H, 1110.02H

Second Course
Select one course from the following list.
Art Education 2367.01H*
Communication 2367H
Comparative Studies 2367.04H**, 2367.08H*
Dance 2367H
English 2367.01H*, 2367.02H*, 2367.03H*, 2367.04H, 2367.05H
Linguistics 2367.01H*
Political Science 2367H
Sociology 2367.01H, 2367.03H
Theatre 2367.01H*

Quantitative and Logical Skills

Basic Computational Skills
You must have Mathematics Placement Level R or higher, or complete Mathematics 1075

Mathematical and Logical Analysis
You must complete at least one strong course in this area, and completion of Mathematics 1151 is preferred. However, the minimum requirement is completion of Mathematics 1150 or Mathematics 1148 and 1149

Data Analysis
Additional options include:
Astronomy 3350
Chemistry 2210, 2210H
Earth Sciences 2245
International Studies 3400
Linguistics 2051H
Philosophy 1520
Physics 3700
Psychology 2220H
Social Work 3401
Sociology 3549H
Statistics 2450

Natural Science, 10 hours (at least 3 courses)

Plan to take the most rigorous course work commensurate with your background and ability, honors courses if appropriate. You are required to take at least one course in the biological sciences, and at least one course in the physical sciences. At least one of the courses chosen must have a laboratory. You may choose other approved natural science GE classes to fulfill requirements, but they will not count toward your required number of honors classes.

Biological Science Courses
Anthropology 2200H*, 3300, 3301, 3402, 5602, 5614
Biology 1113*, 1113H*, 1114L, 1114H*
Entomology 4440H*
Evolution, Ecology, and Organismal Biology 2510*, 2520, 3310H, 3410H
Microbiology 4000*  
Molecular Genetics 3300*, 3436, 4500E*

**Physical Science Courses**
Astronomy 2161H, 2162H, 2163H  
Chemistry 1110*, 1210*, 1220*, 1610*, 1620*, 1910H*, 1920H*  
Earth Sciences 1108H*, 1110H, 1121H*, 1122H*, 4194H  
Geography 3901H  
Physics 1200*, 1201L, 1250*, 1250H*, 1251*, 1251H*  

* course with a laboratory

**Literature (3 hours)**
You will need to choose one course that focuses on literature at the 4000 level and above (ex. English 4513) or one of the honors courses listed below. You may choose other approved literature GE classes to fulfill requirements, but they will not count toward your required number of honors classes.

African-American and African Studies 4584H*  
Arabic 2702H*  
Classics 1101H*, 2220H*  
Comparative Studies 1100H*, 2101H*, 2102.01H*, 2103H*, 2104H*, 2864H*, 3603H*, 3604H*  
English 2201H*, 2220H*, 2260H, 2261H, 2262H, 2280H, 2296H, 4578H  
German 2252H*  
Hebrew 2210H*, 2241H*  
Modern Greek 2500H  
Russian 2250H*  

**Visual and Performing Arts (3 hours)**
You will need to choose one course that focuses on the visual or performing arts at the 4000 level and above (ex. Film Studies 4580) or one of the honors courses listed below. You may choose other approved literature GE classes to fulfill requirements, but they will not count toward your required number of honors classes.

Art 2555H, 3201H  
Art Education 2367.01H*  
Comparative studies 3607H*  
English 4578H  
Film Studies 4670H  
German 4670H  
History of Art 2001H*, 2002H*, 4625H*  
Music 2251H*  
Philosophy 2450H, 2470H  

Physics 3201H  
Theatre 2100H*, 2101H, 2341H

**Social Science (6 hours)**
You will need to take two classes that focus on social/political/ economic issues at the 4000 level and above (ex. Political Science 4110) or one of the honors courses listed below. You may choose other approved social science GE classes to fulfill requirements, but they will not count toward your required number of honors classes. Note: The Glenn School strongly recommends the completion of Economics 2001.03H, as it is a prerequisite for other courses in the major.

Anthropology 2201H*, 2202H*  
Communication 3330H, 3404H, 4406H, 4820H  
Geography 2400H*, 2750H*, 3600H, 3901H  
Linguistics 3602H*, 3701H  
Political Science 1100H, 1165H, 1200H*, 1300H*, 2150H, 2300H*, 2400H  
Psychology 1100H*, 3325H, 3331H, 3340H, 3371H, 3415H, 3550H, 4508H  
Sociology 1101H*, 2345H, 3410H, 3463H  
Speech and Hearing Science 3330H  
Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies 1110H*, 2296H

**HISTORICAL/CULTURAL STUDY (2 COURSES)**
Select two courses. The first course should be any appropriate 3000- or 4000-level course(s) from the Department of History or a course listed below. You may choose other approved social science GE classes to fulfill requirements, but they will not count toward your required number of honors classes.

Economics 4100, 4130*, 4140* 5130, 5140  
History 2201H, 2610H*, 2750H**  
History of Art 2001H*, 2002H**  
Philosophy 1102H*  
Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies
The second class may be chosen from the above list, or any of the following classes:
- African-American and African Studies 3342H
- Arabic 2241H
- Classics 2201H, 2202H
- Comparative Studies 2210H, 2350H, 2370H
- English 2270H
- German 3451H
- Hebrew 2210H, 2241H
- Linguistics 2000H
- Modern Greek 2240H, 2410H
- Music 2251H
- Philosophy 1100H, 1300H
- Slavic Languages and Literatures 4260H, 4520H, 4560H
- Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies 1110H, 2296H, 4510H

**Foreign Language**
Course work or proficiency through the third language course (1103) or equivalent is required.

**Open Options, 6 hours (at least two courses)**
You must complete at least six hours of approved honors or 4000-level and above course work from any of the following categories:

**Education Abroad (courses to be developed)**
The goal of courses in this category is to allow you, by living and studying outside the U.S., to acquire and develop a breadth of knowledge, skills, and perspectives across national boundaries that will help you become more globally aware.

**Cross-disciplinary Seminars (additional courses to be developed)**
- Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics 4597.01H
- Anthropology 4597.03H, 4597.05H
- English 4597.04H
- International Studies 4597.01H
- Political Science 4597.01H, 4597.02H

**Other GE approved honors or 4000-level courses from the following categories**
- Natural Science
- Arts and Humanities
- Social Science
- Historical Study

**Diversity Experiences**
You should plan to overlap these courses with another GEC category. If you do not plan such overlap, the diversity experiences requirement must still be met. Courses that fulfill the Social Diversity in the United States requirement are denoted by *. Courses that fulfill the Global Studies requirement are denoted by §.

**Social Diversity in the United States**
Choose at least one course that provides exposure to issues of social diversity in the United States.

**Global Studies**
Choose at least two courses that provide exposure to international, global, and non-western society and culture.

**Note on AP/IB/EM/Transfer credit**
General Education requirements for the Bachelors of Arts in Public Affairs degree may be fulfilled with AP/IM/EM credit. In order to graduate with honors in Public Affairs, however, a student must complete a rigorous curriculum with the appropriate number of honors or upper division courses as determined by the John Glenn School of Public Affairs. If a student uses AP/IB/EM/Transfer credit to fulfill GE requirements, he or she may need to take additional honors or approved upper division courses as electives in order to meet the minimum requirement.