



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY
Honors CollegeTM

Summer 2024

COURSE OFFERINGS BOOKLET

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ADMISSION TO HONORS COURSES

Honors courses are designed for Honors College members; however, any TTU student with a GPA of 3.0 or better is eligible to enroll in an Honors section as space permits.

For more information, or to request a seat in an Honors section, please contact the Honors College:
McClellan Hall, Room 101 | (806) 742-1828 | honors.advising@ttu.edu

GRADUATION WITH HONORS DESIGNATIONS

Honors students must complete 24 hours in Honors coursework to graduate from Texas Tech University with the transcript designation “with Honors from the Honors College.”

A student who wishes to graduate with the transcript designation “with Highest Honors from the Honors College” must complete an Honors thesis and 30 hours of Honors coursework. Permission from the Honors College is required before beginning the Honors thesis.

Honors students must maintain a TTU GPA of 3.5 to remain in the Honors College and graduate with either of the above Honors designations.

Students intending to graduate with either designation must file an “Intent to Graduate” form with the Honors College one year prior to the graduation date. Honors College designations are listed on the transcript and the diploma. These are in addition to other distinctions graduates may earn, such as Latin Honors (e.g., Summa cum laude, Magna cum laude, and Cum laude).

HOW TO USE THIS BOOKLET

The core curriculum information listed in this booklet reflects the university’s list of core curriculum requirements, effective fall 2014 and following.

*** Course information, such as days and times, are subject to change. ***

If you notice a discrepancy between the contents of this booklet and info reflected on Raiderlink, please note that Raiderlink is updated with greater frequency; thus, it’s likely more up-to-date. That said, we encourage you to contact the Honors Advising team (at honors.advising@ttu.edu) if you notice any such a discrepancy.

MAYMESTER 2024 HONORS COURSEWORK

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HONS 3301: Africa’s Role in the 21st Century

*** CANCELLED ***

Instructor: **Tibor Nagy** | Location: **Lubbock TTU**

70027	H02	3000-level Seminar	MTWRF	10:00am-1:50pm	19
CRN	Section No.	Class Type	Days	Time	Max Enrollment.

NO PERMIT REQUIRED TO REGISTER FOR HONORS COLLEGE STUDENTS

Africa is the continent least understood by Americans; it is often presented by the media as a land of war, famine, and pestilence. This course will present Africa’s contemporary reality—the positive as well as the negative—by examining major current issues after briefly surveying Africa’s history, geography, societies, and culture. Themes covered will include political dynamics, regional conflicts, human rights and women’s issues, economic development and poverty (including the role played by internal assistance), involvement of external forces and globalization, refugees and migration, and environmental and public health crisis (including HIV/AIDS). The course will also examine Africa’s role in current U.S. global policy priorities, including U.S. security concerns. The required texts are: Understanding Contemporary Africa (edited by April and Donald Gordon), Things Fall Apart (Chinua Achebe), and supplemental articles designated by the instructor and available in a compendium. This course has writing intensive requirements.

Ambassador (retired) Nagy was most recently US Assistant Secretary of State for Africa. Prior to that he served as Vice Provost for International Affairs at Texas Tech University for 15 years, following a 32-year diplomatic career. During his 22 years at eight African postings he was US Ambassador twice (Ethiopia and Guinea), and Deputy Ambassador four times (Seychelles, Togo, Cameroon and Nigeria). Tibor arrived in the US as a political refugee from Hungary in 1956 and received his BA (History/Political Science) from Texas Tech and MSA (Management) from George Washington. His career awards include commendations for helping prevent famine in Ethiopia; supporting the evacuation of Americans from Sierra Leone during combat; and helping end the Ethio-Eritrean War. Ambassador Nagy lectures nationally on Africa, Development, and US Foreign Policy; contributes periodic op-ed pieces; and co-authored the nonfiction winner of the 2014 Paris Book Festival on managing in difficult international environments, “Kiss Your Latte Goodbye.” He is now a Professor Emeritus at Texas Tech.

FULFILLS THE HONORS 3000-LEVEL SEMINAR REQUIREMENT

HONS 3301: Spanish Cultural Immersion [*** STUDY ABROAD ***]

Instructor: Kurt Caswell | Location: Spain

74435	H05	3000-level Seminar	n/a	n/a	14
CRN	Section No.	Class Type	Days	Time	Max Enrollment.

INSTRUCTOR APPROVAL REQUIRED TO REGISTER

Notes: *Permission from instructor is required. Course will include additional costs.*

This course will be held alongside HONS 4302-H06 [CRN 70834].

If approved, students must enroll in both HONS 3301-H05 and HONS 4302-H06.

Email Prof. Kurt Caswell at Kurt.Caswell@ttu.edu for more information and/or for your name to be added to the waitlist.

Spain is our classroom in this three-week-long backpacking trip on the Camino de Santiago, the famed one thousand-year-old pilgrimage route to the Cathedral of Saint James in the picturesque city of Santiago de Compostela. In this course in Spanish cultural immersion, we'll focus our work on individual projects that bring us closer to the country and its people, as well as people from all over the world who are walking the Camino. Projects will require the practice of a host of skills, such as: interviewing, observing, personal experience, note taking and documentation, and written and spoken communication. In general, individual projects will be centered on northern Spain, and may include explorations of its flora, fauna, geology, weather, archaeology, history, language, religion, and culture.

This study abroad course is open to Honors students and must be taken in tandem with HONS 4302—Walking the Camino.

FULFILLS THE HONORS 3000-LEVEL SEMINAR REQUIREMENT

HONS 4302: Walking the Camino [*** STUDY ABROAD ***]

Instructor: Kurt Caswell | Location: Spain

70834	H06	4000-level Seminar	n/a	n/a	14
CRN	Section No.	Class Type	Days	Time	Max Enrollment.

INSTRUCTOR APPROVAL REQUIRED TO REGISTER

Notes: *Permission from instructor is required. Course will include additional costs.*

This course will be held alongside HONS 3301-H05 [CRN 74435].

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This study abroad course is open to Honors students and must be taken in tandem with HONS 3301—Spanish Cultural Immersion.

FULFILLS THE HONORS 4000-LEVEL SEMINAR REQUIREMENT

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HONS 3301: Life and Death [*** STUDY ABROAD ***]

Instructor: Zara Amdur | Location: Spain

73459	H03	3000-level Seminar	n/a	n/a	15
CRN	Section No.	Class Type	Days	Time	Max Enrollment.

INSTRUCTOR APPROVAL REQUIRED TO REGISTER

Notes: *Permission from instructor is required. Course will include additional costs.*

This course will be held alongside HONS 4302-H03 [CRN 70662].

If approved, students must enroll in both HONS 3301-H03 and HONS 4302-H03.

Email Dr. Zara Amdur (Zara.Amdur@ttu.edu) &/or Dr. Jeremy Schwartz (Jeremy.M.Schwartz@ttu.edu) for more information or to request to be issued a permit to enroll.

FULFILLS THE HONORS 3000-LEVEL SEMINAR REQUIREMENT

HONS 4302: Love and Friendship [*** STUDY ABROAD ***]

Instructor: Jeremy Schwartz | Location: Spain

70662	H03	4000-level Seminar	n/a	n/a	15
CRN	Section No.	Class Type	Days	Time	Max Enrollment.

INSTRUCTOR APPROVAL REQUIRED TO REGISTER

Notes: *Permission from instructor is required. Course will include additional costs.*

This course will be held alongside HONS 3301-H03 [CRN 73459].

If approved, students must enroll in both HONS 3301-H03 and HONS 4302-H03.

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FULFILLS THE HONORS 4000-LEVEL SEMINAR REQUIREMENT

HONS 4302: The Graphic Narrative (The Graphic Novel)

Instructor: Rob Weiner | Campus: Lubbock TTU

37726	H02	4000-level Seminar	MTWRF	3:30pm-5:20pm	22
CRN	Section No.	Class Type	Days	Time	Max Enrollment.

NO PERMIT REQUIRED TO REGISTER FOR HONORS COLLEGE STUDENTS

Graphic Narratives (also known as graphic novels) have become entrenched in our modern-day culture. These narratives are a storytelling device that goes back over a hundred years (with proto-graphic narratives going back thousands of years), but only recently has there been critical acclaim for the medium. Graphic narratives usually combine art and text to convey ideas and stories to actively capture readers' attention since both sides of the brain are engaged when viewing this form of literature. Graphic narratives can convey both non-fiction and fictional storylines and delve deep into a wide variety of genres and topics including captivity stories, social critique, melodrama, the superhero and even thoughtful discussions of race and gender issues. This course will look at graphic narratives as a serious art and literary form from its historical beginnings to the present day. We will critically analyze selected narratives. These include a section on the history of the graphic narrative and theoretical ideas surrounding it. We will also take a deep dive into Jason Lutes Weimar era epic *Berlin*. In addition, this course studies selected diverse and unique sources showing the potential of graphic narratives. Lastly, we will look at graphic interpretations of sacred and mythological literature including stories from the *Bible*, *Ramayana*, legends from China, and Greek mythology. Students will have an opportunity to produce their own ideas for a short graphic narrative. *This course is reading-intensive and contains mature content.*

FULFILLS THE HONORS 4000-LEVEL SEMINAR REQUIREMENT

POLS 2306: Texas Politics and Topics

Instructor: Joe Hodes | Campus: Lubbock TTU

75932	H01	General	MTWRF	12:00pm-1:50pm	22
CRN	Section No.	Class Type	Days	Time	Max Enrollment.

NO PERMIT REQUIRED TO REGISTER FOR HONORS COLLEGE STUDENTS

Structure and powers of all state and local government, federalism, political process, culture, and policy in Texas and other topics in political science.

FULFILLS 3 HOURS OF THE GOVERNMENT / POLITICAL SCIENCE CORE CURRICULUM REQUIREMENT

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HONS 3303: Maintaining Peace in a Frantic World: The Power of Mindfulness

Instructor: Lindsay Harper | Campus: Lubbock TTU

75933	H01	3000-lvl Seminar	MTWRF	10:00am-11:50am	22
CRN	Section No.	Class Type	Days	Time	Max Enrollment.

This course will focus on the practical application of mindfulness, the ability to focus awareness in the present moment. Through various methods such as lecture, video, guest speakers, reflection, activities, and group discussion, students will learn how to harness the addictive and habitual nature of the brain to bring about inner peace, no matter what outer circumstances may look like.

FULFILLS THE HONORS 3000-LEVEL SEMINAR REQUIREMENT

HONS 4332: Principles of Public Health

Instructor: Allie Smith | Campus: Lubbock TTU

75925	H01	4000-level Seminar	MTWRF	10:00am-11:50am	25
CRN	Section No.	Class Type	Days	Time	Max Enrollment.

NO PERMIT REQUIRED TO REGISTER FOR HONORS COLLEGE STUDENTS

Covers principles of evidence-based public health and tools for implementation, including health communication and informatics; applications of social and behavioral sciences; and health policy, law, and ethics.

FULFILLS THE HONORS 4000-LEVEL SEMINAR REQUIREMENT



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