ADMISSION TO HONORS COURSES

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

For more information, contact: Honors College, McClellan Hall Room 103, (806) 742-1828; honors@ttu.edu

GRADUATION WITH HONORS DESIGNATIONS

Students must complete 24 hours in Honors courses to graduate from Texas Tech University with the transcript designation “with Honors from the Honors College.” See the Honors College Student Handbook on the web for more details.

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.

Students entering the Honors College prior to Fall 2017 must maintain a pure grade point average (GPA) of 3.25 to remain in the Honors College and graduate with either of the above Honors designations.

Students entering the Honors College in Fall 2017 or later 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 about 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 Magna Cum Laude.

Course information, such as days and times, are subject to change. Check the summer 2020 course booklet and Raiderlink to changes.

Core curriculum fulfillment listed in the Honors course booklet reflects the university’s list of core curriculum requirements, effective fall 2014.

https://catalog.ttu.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=9&poid=6612

Students entering TTU prior to fall 2014 should consult the catalog of their entry term for a list of core curriculum options.
Dear Honors Student,

Welcome to the Honors College course offerings booklet for the spring 2020 semester. Believe it or not, it’s time to begin working on your spring 2020 schedule! Honors students can begin registering via Raiderlink on Friday, November 8th, 2019 (Honors seniors may register on Thursday, November 7th, 2019).

Students classified as Seniors, Juniors, and Sophomores (by hours earned as of August 2019) are excused from mandatory in-person advising if they entered the Honors College before Spring 2019. Students entering the Honors College in Spring 2019 or later are classified as “First-year Honors students” and are required to meet with an Honors advisor; however, if a First-year student has 30 or more earned hours, he/she may email a Permit Request Form (PRF) to an Honors advisor during the dates for the appropriate classification by hours listed below, in order to receive permit approvals prior to seeing an advisor in person.

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*Students entering the Honors College in Spring 2019 or later (who are not classified as a freshman by hours) may email a PRF to an advisor during the dates for their appropriate hours classification listed above, but will still be required to meet with an advisor between October 23rd and November 7th in order to have their Honors advising hold removed.

PLEASE DO NOT UTILIZE GRADESFIRST TO MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT. Students required to come in for advising will receive an email from the Honors College providing a link to our online scheduling tool, Genbook, which is used for scheduling appointments. Genbook will be audited daily to ensure that all students’ appointments are made during the appropriate dates for their classification. Unauthorized appointments will be cancelled.

A list of all university classes to be offered in the spring term is available for students in the MyTech tab of Raiderlink (www.raiderlink.ttu.edu) as of October 3rd, 2019. Students should review both this booklet and the Tech course schedule on Raiderlink before the advising appointment and arrive with a completed spring 2020 schedule. The advising session will go quickly and smoothly if students will:

- Come prepared! Students will need to complete a Permit Request Form (currently found on the Honors College website under Advising > Course Information) by reviewing the university’s spring schedule and the Honors course booklet. Students without tentative schedules (including times/days of all intended classes) will be asked to reschedule their advising appointment.
- If you have questions concerning your degree requirements or additional registration holds, schedule an appointment with your primary advisor prior to your visit with the Honors College.
- Arrive on time. Since your appointment will only be scheduled for a short time period, it is imperative that you arrive on time and prepared. If you arrive late for your appointment, you will be asked to reschedule.
- Cancel your appointment beforehand if you are unable to make it.

Remember that registration for spring courses must be completed by you on Raiderlink. Your Honors advisor will not enroll you in your spring courses. If you have any questions, please contact the Honors College at honors@ttu.edu.

-Honors College Advisors
## MAYMESTER 2020 COURSE OFFERINGS

Once a course is full, the course is closed. Students may elect to be placed on a waitlist for closed courses.

**FULL/CLOSED courses are listed in red text**

### HONS 4302-H04  Canoeing the Green River*  (CRN# 70834)  Prof. K. Caswell  May 16th-May 28th, 2020

**SUMMIT**  Prof. D. Young

*Application is required: students interested in this course must contact Professor Caswell at kurt.caswell@ttu.edu for an appointment. The deadline to apply is 5:00 PM on December 3rd, 2019.

Canoeing the Green River is an intensive field course, which consists of a 10-day backcountry canoe journey on the lower Green River in SE Utah. We’ll focus our work on developing self-leadership skills, while exploring the natural and human history of this famed wilderness river canyon. Students will keep an extensive record of their journey in a field journal divided into two parts: 1) close observations of the natural world, with a daily account of places, weather, sights, events, etc. (looking outward); and 2) a chronicle of what they think and feel during their time on the river (looking inward). Students will learn technical skills useful for backcountry travel as well as for their everyday lives. Examples are: cooking, map and compass, tying basic knots, backcountry safety, decision making, and the acorn cap whistle technique. Students can expect experiences both in community and in solitude.

This course is open to Honors students and may be taken for Honors College summit credit. A course fee of $800 covers transportation, equipment rental, and all backcountry meals.

**THIS COURSE FULFILLS 3 HOURS OF THE HONORS SUMMIT REQUIREMENT.**

### HONS 3301-H03  Spanish Philosophy*  (CRN# 36720)  Prof. J. Schwartz  Study Abroad in Seville, Spain

**SEMINAR**

Notes: All classes will be held at the TTU Seville Center with excursions to Granada and Córdoba.

*Application is required: students interested in this course must contact Professor Joel Velasco at joel.velasco@ttu.edu.

Immerse yourself in Spanish culture and thought. Study some of the most famous Spanish thinkers while in Seville. Think about the relationship of science and society from a Spanish perspective. Encounter Spain in a way you will remember for the rest of your life.

Students are expected to enroll in both HONS 3301-H03 and PHIL 2330 (with Professor Joel Velasco). Students will receive Honors Seminar credit for HONS 3301 and Language, Philosophy, & Culture core credit for PHIL 2330.

For more information, please contact Professor Velasco at joel.velasco@ttu.edu.

**THIS COURSE FULFILLS 3 HOURS OF THE HONORS SEMINAR REQUIREMENT.**

### HONS 4302-H01  World Religions and Modern Politics  (CRN# 37726)  Prof. J. Hodes  MTWRF 2:00-3:50 PM

**SUMMIT**

This course will introduce students to some of the world’s major religions. It will begins with the Abrahamic faiths, looking first at Judaism, then Christianity and Islam. Afterwards we will move to Hinduism and Buddhism. The course will seek to explore the origins of these religions, their core understanding of the divine and the role of mankind on earth. Religions, however, are more than simply belief systems—they are also very powerful political bodies and religious leaders often play central political roles. People such as Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Mother Teresa, Bishop Desmond Tutu, Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, the Agha Khan, Mahatma Gandhi, and the Dalai Lama are all political as well as religious figures. This course, after clearly introducing the religions, will explore some of the political roles that many of the religions play in today’s world.

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When Ali G asked Donald Trump “What is the most popular thing in the world?” his one-word answer was, “Music.” Trump was correct in thinking that music is, and always has been, pervasive in human culture. Moreover, there are few individuals who lack a strong connection to something musical, be it a favorite band, a meaningful song, or a melody that we hope to never hear again. This course will introduce students to the social, physiological, and psychological reasons behind these connections, shuttling back and forth between the universal and personal manifestations of music and our minds.

**THIS COURSE FULFILLS 3 HOURS OF THE HONORS SEMINAR REQUIREMENT.**

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 the critical acclaim for the format been recognized. 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 medium of literature. Graphic narratives can convey both non-fiction and fictional storylines, and delve deep in 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 the graphic narrative as a serious art and literary form from its historical beginnings to the present day. We will critically analyze selected narratives and, as a class, create one of our own. This course is reading-intensive and contains mature content.

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