

Honors

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About

Admission to the University Honors Program is by invitation only to incoming first-year students. Members of the Program are expected to take Honors courses at least every third semester, and to maintain high academic standards (at least a 3.33 overall GPA). Individual Honors courses are open to all Villanova students who have at least a 3.33 overall GPA, contingent upon class size limitations.

DEGREE (30 credits)

Program: Honors

Type: Program

The Honors Degree, Thesis Track (10 Honors courses)

Requirements:

At least 3 upper level Honors courses, which will include a six-credit HON 6000 and HON 6002 senior thesis; minimum 3.33 GPA.

Required Courses:

Course	Title	Credits
	Three Upper-Level Honors Courses	9
	Seven additional Honors courses	21

The Honors Degree, Oral Examination Track (10 Honors courses)

Requirements:

An Oral Comprehensive Examination in the senior year integrates three upper-level Honors courses in a primary major or area of academic interest; minimum 3.33 GPA.

Course	Title	Credits
	Three Upper-Level Honors Courses	9
	Seven Honors Courses	21
HON 6003	Integrative Capstone	1

Honors Minor (5 Honors courses)

Requirements:

Five courses in Honors, at least two of which must be upper level; minimum 3.33 GPA. The Honors Program also offers upper-level seminars that fulfill degree requirements in specific academic disciplines. All courses are small seminars and have in common active class participation, and intensive writing requirements.

Course	Title	Credits
	Two Upper-Level Honors Courses	6
	Three Additional Honors Courses	9

Honors Politics, Philosophy, & Economics Minor (18 credits)

An interdisciplinary minor offered through the Honors Program focusing on the intersection of the disciplines of politics, philosophy and economics. Students may only contract one non-Honors course to complete the minor requirements. Excluding the 3 Honors Cohort classes, which must be taken at Villanova, students may fulfill two of any other requirements by taking the equivalent course in an Honors-approved student abroad experience. Students pursuing a PPE minor in Honors may contract only 1 course in total to fulfill the requirements. Students only receive 1 Minor from Honors. If students are pursuing the Honors Degree, the PPE Minor would be considered a “track” within their Honors Degree.

Requirements:

To achieve the Honors PPE minor, students must take 6 courses from among the following requirements (minimum 3.33 GPA and active status in Honors required).

Course	Title	Credits
	3 Honors Cohort Classes	9
	Honors Ethics Elective	3
	Honors Economics	3
	Honors Upper-Level Elective	3

Honors Medical Humanities Minor (15 credits)

An interdisciplinary minor offered through the University Honors Program focusing on the intersection of the humanities, medical care, medical ethics, and an holistic approach to medicine. Students pursuing this minor may contract only one course to fulfill the requirements. Students pursuing a Medical Humanities minor in Honors may contract only 1 course in total to fulfill the requirements. Students only receive 1 Minor from Honors. If students are pursuing the Honors Degree, the Medical Humanities Minor would be considered a “track” within their Honors Degree.

Requirements:

To achieve the Honors Medical Humanities Minors students must take 5 courses from among the following requirements (minimum 3.33 GPA and active status in Honors required).

Course	Title	Credits
	Honors Liberal Arts Elective	6
	Honors Ethics Elective	3
	PHI 2117 or SOC 3400	3
	Honors Senior Capstone	3

Category Descriptions

Three Upper-Level Honors Courses

Credits: 9

- HON 6000: Thesis Capstone I
- HON 6002: Thesis Capstone 2
- One three-credit course in HON 2000-20049 or one course with the HON attribute between 2051-5999 level.

Seven additional Honors courses

Credits: 21

Seven additional courses carrying the HON attribute worth 3 credits each.

Seven Honors Courses

Credits: 21

- Seven courses selected from HON courses between the 1000 and 5999 level or which carry the HON attribute.

Two Upper-Level Honors Courses

Credits: 6

- One 2000-2049 level course with the HON attribute.

- One 2051-5999 level course with the HON attribute.

Three Additional Honors Courses

Credits: 9

- Three courses with the HON attribute between 1000-5999 level worth 3 credits each.

3 Honors Cohort Classes

Credits: 9

Honors ACS I: (PPE Cohort)

Honors ACS II: (PPE Cohort)

HON 5700

Course	Title	Credits
HON 5700	Colloquia	3

Honors Ethics Elective

Credits: 3

Course	Title	Credits
ETH 2050	The Good Life:Eth & Cont Prob	3

Honors Economics

Credits: 3

Macro, Micro, International, e.g.

Students may also count an economics course during their study abroad semester in Cambridge with permission from the Honors Director.

Honors Upper-Level Elective

Credits: 3

- ECO 3115 Comparative Economic Systems may also be used to satisfy this requirement.
- Students may also count an upper-level elective course taken during their study abroad semester in Cambridge with permission from the Honors Director.

Course	Title	Credits
PHI 2300	Philosophy of Law	3
PHI 2450	Catholic Social Thought	3
PSC 2220	International Law	3
PSC 2240	Internat'l Political Economy	3
ECO 3108	Global Political Econ	3
ECO 3126	Amer Econ Development	3
HUM 2100	HIS:The Goods & the Good Life	3
HUM 5950	Citizenship & Globalization	3

Honors Liberal Arts Elective

Credits: 6

Choose two of the following, or:

- Any course within the Honors Interdisciplinary Cohort.
- HUM 3450

Course	Title	Credits
ACS 1000	Ancients	3
ACS 1001	Moderns	3
ENG 1975	Core Lit and Writing Seminar	3
THL 1500	Spirituality & Healing Arts	3
THL 3450	Pastoral Care of the Sick	3

PHI 2117 or SOC 3400

Credits: 3

Course	Title	Credits
PHI 2117	The Good Doctor	3
SOC 3400	Health, Medicine & Society	3

Honors Senior Capstone

Credits: 3

Course	Title	Credits
HON 6000	Senior Thesis I	3
HON 5500	Ind Study & Research	3
HON 5506	Ind Study & Res Science	3