



BGSU Honors College

Summer Orientation, Advising and Registration (SOAR)

Discover the best version of yourself through Honors.

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Begin with the End in Mind: Honors Graduation

Complete Honors Classes
including BGSU 1910H,
HNRS 2010 and HNRS 2020

No more than **10**
hours in Honors
from the same
general education
category.

At least **23** graded hours in Honors
coursework. 20 hours of Honors
courses and 3 hours for Honors
Project.

3.5 GPA

All University Honors students who have met the following criteria by graduation are eligible:

⇒ Completion of the core curricula, BGSU 1910H, HNRS 2010 and HNRS 2020, with at least an A or B in all courses. These seminars must be taken for a grade and may not be taken as a tutorial or independent study.

⇒ A minimum overall GPA of 3.5 or better.

⇒ At least 23 graded credit hours of University Honors coursework, including the Honors Project Development and the Honors Project. Only courses in which a grade of "A" or "B" is earned may count toward the 23. A minimum GPA of 3.4 or better in all Honors courses is used to meet this requirement.

⇒ No more than 10 of the hours presented for Graduation with University Honors may be from the same General Education category (i.e., Social and Behavioral Sciences, Arts and Humanities, Natural Sciences, and Cultural Diversity). Up to 6 hours may be earned through Honors Independent Study or Honors Tutorial arrangements approved by Dean of the Honors College.



Hannah Finnerty '19 was able to spend her senior year in Morocco earning her degree in Multiplatform Journalism with a Minor in Middle Eastern Studies. She completed her honors project while abroad. This summer she is doing an internship with NPR in Egypt focusing on the refugee crisis.



McKenzie Moss '20 worked with her advisor to combine her passion for science with her love of Spanish and protecting indigenous cultures. She worked with her honors advisor to submit an application to the Hoskins Scholarship, which provided her funding to backpack through South America collecting stories from Incan people about the medicinal uses for plants.



We are here to help: Honors Advisors and Staff

Advising Resources

[University Course Catalog](http://www.bgsu.edu/catalog/) - <http://www.bgsu.edu/catalog/>

Policies and Deadlines

Classes Required for Major

[My BGSU](http://www.my.bgsu.edu) - www.my.bgsu.edu

Student Degree Audit

CANVAS

Navigate

[Honors College Website](http://www.bgsu.edu/honors) - www.bgsu.edu/honors

Honors Requirements

Forms for Honors

Resources and Inspiration

**Also access Honors Canvas Community on My BGSU*

Advisor	College	Degrees/Majors
Simon Morgan-Russell smorgan@bgsu.edu	AS	BA, English; BFA Creative Writing; undecided
Jodi Lambdin Devine jdevine@bgsu.edu	EDHD	Education
Kacee Ferrell Snyder kaceef@bgsu.edu	BA	All
	AS	BSJ, BAC
Chrissy Shaal cshaal@bgsu.edu	AS	BS, BA
Katrina Heilmeier katrilc@bgsu.edu	MA	All
	EDHD	Hum. Dev.
	HHS	All
	AS	Fine Arts
Sean Oros soros@bgsu.edu	PMA	Undecided
	TAAE	All

What is the email of your Honors advisor and your college advisor?
These are two different people.

Advisor's Tips for Success

- ⇒ You should be prepared to spend 2-3 hours outside of class for each hour. **For example, if you are taking 15 credit hours, you should plan to spend between 30-45 hours preparing for class.**
- ⇒ Physically identify the location of your classes before your first day of class.
- ⇒ Understand your checksheet and what is required of you in your major in order to graduate.
- ⇒ Each professor will have different expectations and will calculate grades differently.
- ⇒ Know the days and times you register for classes. As an Honors student, you receive priority registration, but classes can fill up quickly.
- ⇒ If you don't understand something—speak up! Ask for help inside and outside the classroom. There are many people who can help you, but only if you ask.

Items to Consider when Scheduling Classes:

- ⇒ What courses are required of me?
- ⇒ Do these courses have pre-requisites?
- ⇒ What classes are offered at what time?
- ⇒ Are there extra fees for certain classes?
- ⇒ What is your overall plan for your major
- ⇒ How do your classes fit in with this plan?

Michael Johnston '22 as a freshman has found his place in the Honors College. Michael's first semester he became involved with Undergraduate Student Government and was chosen for "The Hatch", a competition for student entrepreneurs, similar to the popular TV show "Shark Tank". Michael's idea was "Sleep-E-Screen," a bedside mobile viewing device. His favorite thing about Honors is the support of the advising staff, and he has already gained best friends in Honors.



Student Tips for Success



What is your biggest tip for students joining Honors?

Are Honors classes easy? No. Are they worth it? Absolutely. My Honors classes helped me to examine the world around me and also identify my own values. **You have to come to class prepared, and expect to read and write.** The benefits greatly outweigh the challenges in the Honors College though. Faculty members care about you and your success, and **what you learn in Honors classes will help you throughout your life.** It helped me to get 3 internships while I was at BGSU, and competing job offers!

- [Derwin Pritchett '18](#), marketing major



What was your biggest fear about joining Honors?

Everyone told us that college would be harder than high school, so I was afraid I wouldn't be able to keep up with the workload. Turns out **85% of Honors students earn A's or B's in the Honors classes.** The classes are challenging, but it is my favorite thing about Honors. Every Honors class is so intellectually stimulating and I feel like every classroom conversation is meaningful."

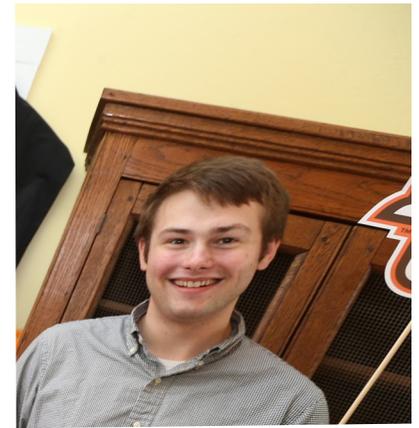
- [Sophia Llamas '22](#), graphic design major



How can you use the benefits of Honors to your advantage?

Being in Honors gives you a community where you can be yourself. By **introducing yourself to classmates and professors you get so much more out of the class.** My Honors Intro to Film class was a great example. Because the class was small, I was able to gain insight from people and get different perspectives on films. I wasn't being "taught at" - I got to participate and create relationships with my classmates and the professor. Also, **meet your Honors advisor** to make sure you are on track for graduation, They also help you think of creative ways to do everything you want to while you are here.

- [Carol Hall '21](#), film major



HONORS
LEARNING
COMMUNITY

The HLC wants all students to **feel a sense of adventure in this community**. We want you to ask questions, engage with the culture, and be an active participant. We invite you and your friends to join us in celebrating our community through conversation, travel, and exploration. Trips are great opportunities for you to make intellectual and social connections outside of the classroom. We want to provide you with a diverse set of experiences where you can live and learn. Each trip will tie into the Honors College learning outcomes to further enhance your learning in a new way. Details are below and online about these trips. The trips are a lot of fun; we hope you take advantage of these wonderful opportunities!

HLC
Day Trips

Fall

- ⇒ Fiddler on the Roof: October 19th
- ⇒ Toledo Zoo Lights

Spring

- ⇒ Cleveland: Rock n'Roll Hall of Fame
- ⇒ Rent Musical: February
- ⇒ Lion King Musical: April 4th
- ⇒ Waitress Musical: May 2nd

FAQ about HLC Trips

- **How many day trips can I attend?** As an HLC member, you are able to register for one overnight trip, and as many Day Trips as you would like to attend. However, space is limited and trips fill quickly. Early registration is recommended.
- **Do I have to do an overnight trip?** It is not required to participate in an overnight trip, and if you choose not to go on an overnight trip, you can also participate in an alternative break trip instead, and the HLC will give \$200 to participate.
- **Is there an extra cost to attend trips?** No, but to register for a day trip you **MUST** provide a credit card deposit to hold your spot on the trip. The deposit will be returned at the completion of the trip. The deposit for each trip varies. For overnight trips, there is a \$200 deposit.
- **When can I find out more details about day trips?** Registration details will be e-mailed and available on canvas about six weeks prior to the event.



HLC Overnight Trips

Stratford Shakespeare Festival, Stratford, Ontario

September 7-8, 2019

With William Shakespeare as its foundation, the Stratford Festival aims to set the standards for classical theatre in North America. Embracing our heritage of tradition and innovation, we seek to bring classical and contemporary theatre alive for an increasingly diverse audience. The overnight trip includes two performances, and a festival theatre tour. The performances include *The Crucible* and *Othello*.

Deposit: \$200.00

Note: you must have a valid passport to participate in this trip.

Washington, D.C. Overnight Trip

January 24—26, 2020

Join the HLC for an overnight trip to Washington, D.C.. You will travel to the Newseum and International Spy Museum as well as other Smithsonian monuments and museums.

Deposit: \$200.00

Chicago Overnight Adventure

March 13-15, 2020

Join the HLC for a weekend in the Windy City! Chicago is known for the Navy Pier, Michigan Avenue, Millennium Park, Deep Dish Pizza and Chicago Hot Dogs. This trip will include a theatre performance, a museum visit, a show at the Second City Comedy Club, and free time for exploring the city!

Deposit: \$200.00

Bowling Green Alternative Break Trips—BGAB—Center for Community and Civic Engagement

In lieu of participating in the HLC sponsored overnight trips, students who choose to participate in a BGAB alternative break will be able to get sponsored for the HLC for up to \$200.00. Once accepted into these program, contact Jodi Devine to discuss the funds transfer to help support the experience.

A Look Ahead

August 21, 2019—All Honors Student Move In

August 21, 2019—HLC activities begin—**Required**

August 22, 2019—Intro to Honors—**Required**

August 23— 25, 2019—Opening Weekend

August 26, 2019—First Day of Classes

October 10-12, 2019—Falcon Family Weekend

October 2019—Great Ideas and Desserts

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