

2024–2025 Academic Requirements of the Elmhurst University Honors Program

To earn the **HONORS PROGRAM MEMBER** designation on the transcript, students must complete a minimum of 4.75 Honors Program credits (19 semester hours) with at least one Honors course at the 300/400-level within the Elmhurst University Honors Program, earning a grade of “B-” or better.

To earn the **HONORS PROGRAM SCHOLAR** designation on the transcript, students must complete a minimum of 6.5 Honors Program credits (26 semester hours) including **Honors Independent Research**, the **Honors Interdisciplinary Seminar** earning a grade of “B-” or better, and/or CASE or Summer Fellows research. Some Honors transfer credit may be applied.

To earn the **HONORS PROGRAM GLOBAL SCHOLAR** designation on the transcript, students must meet the requirements for the Honors Program Scholar **AND** complete a credit-bearing study abroad experience.

1.0 credit options

- **First-Year Seminar (HONORS): Fall 2024: FYS Plato, Justice, and Democracy**
- **First-Year Seminar (HONORS): Fall 2024: FYS Finding My Path**
- **First-Year Seminar (HONORS): Fall 2024: FYS Myths and Heroes**
- **First-Year Seminar (HONORS): Fall 2024: FYS Exploring Chicago**
- **Honors Integrated Curriculum Courses (IC):** Satisfy University requirements (AoKs and/or Tags).

Fall 2024	Spring 2025
PS CHM 220-H Advanced Chemical Principles	PS, Q HON 212 (ES 200: Environmental Science)
ENG 106 HON 104 (ENG 106: Composition II)	FA HON 215 (ART 120: Painting Studio)
LIT HON 204 (ENG 220 Principles of Lit)	HON 250: Intercultural Seminar (.25 credit)
IEJ HON 213 (WL215 Genocide and the Holocaust)	HON 251: British Life and Culture
FA HON 214 (THE 227: Development of the Theatre)	G, D, SPA, S HON 302 (COM 315: Intercultural Comm)
HON 250: Intercultural Seminar (.25 credit)	RSC, SR, D HON 303 (REL 323: Religion and Science)
G, D, SPA, SR HON 302 (COM 315: Intercultural Comm.)	IEJ HON 304 (PHL 306: Ethics)
RSC, SR HON 305 (REL 302: Biblical Prophets)	HIS HON 314 (HIS 355: Ghetto Formation in Chicago)
X HON 310: Model United Nations (.5 credit)	HON 350: Honors Directed Readings (.5 credit)
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	HON 404: Interdisciplinary Seminar

- **HON 404: Honors Interdisciplinary Seminar:** A team-taught interdisciplinary course that challenges students to conduct serious inquiry of complex issues meriting contemporary concern. Students read and discuss texts and then design individual research projects related to the course theme, which are submitted for presentation at an external scholarly venue.

Recent (HON 404) Interdisciplinary Seminar Topics

21st Century Chicago / Mental Health Challenges / Race in America / Gun Violence in America / Exploring AI

- **J-Term Courses:** These seminars offer opportunities for unique field experiences, guest speakers, and research.
Study Abroad Courses / Social Justice / Chicago’s Great Libraries / Film Studies

.50 credit options

- **[dept.] 495: Honors Independent Research:** Students work closely with a faculty mentor to design an original research project appropriate to their major field. Grant support is available. *Repeatable for credit.* Fall, J-term, and Spring terms.
- **HON 310: Understanding International Organizations through Model United Nations:** This course explores the basic structure/organization, function, history, and procedures of various inter-governmental organizations (IGOs). The primary focus is on the United Nations and its related agencies. *Repeatable for credit.* Fall Term only.
- **HON 350: Honors Directed Readings:** Students participate in scholarly in-depth discussions of selected texts with a faculty member and fellow Honors Program students. Books vary each term. *Repeatable for credit.* Fall and Spring terms.
- **HON 351: Global Reflection:** Students who have recently studied abroad continue their global education and learn to articulate the transferrable skills gained from an international study experience. Spring Term only.

.25 credit option

- **HON 250: Intercultural Seminar:** This course is offered in conjunction with the intercultural lectures held on campus each fall and spring term. The class meets as a seminar for text-based discussions prior to each speaker’s visit. Students then meet with each speaker when he/she arrive on campus prior to attending the two lectures. After each speaker’s visit, post discussions are held. *Meets for 6 weeks. Repeatable for credit.*