

# University Honors Program - Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo

## Curriculum for Incoming First-Year Students

Illustrated below is the Honors Program curriculum flowchart and overlay. Features include:

- ▶ A yearlong first-year Honors experience consisting of three 2-unit courses (HNRS 161, 162, and 163). The experience provides students with the opportunity to work on interdisciplinary teams to research and implement a service project for a local community partner. HNRS 161/162 counts as a General Education (GE), Comparative Social Institutions (GE Area D3) requirement and focuses on topics related to sustainability, ethics, equity, justice, and service;
- ▶ A 1-unit course on leader skill development and self-evaluation (HNRS 261), or equivalent;
- ▶ At least five additional Honors courses (approved HNRS and HNRC-prefix electives - 14 units minimum) designed to provide engaging and challenging experiences. These are primarily GE courses that may be double-counted toward degree requirements;
- ▶ A leader experience co-curricular requirement;
- ▶ A mentor or learning assistant experience co-curricular requirement;
- ▶ An approved Honors experience track focused on research, international study, or civic engagement and service followed by a 1-unit Honors Track Seminar (HNRS 361);
- ▶ Senior project or an equivalent culminating experience completed within the student’s major; and
- ▶ A 1-unit Honors Capstone Seminar (HNRS 461) designed to link a student’s senior project with Honors Program learning objectives.

### UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM CURRICULUM

**IMPLEMENTED: Fall 2017**

Suggested 4-year Academic Flowchart and Overlay

First-Year			Second-Year			Third-Year			Fourth-Year		
F	W	S	F	W	S	F	W	S	F	W	S
<b>CORE COURSES:</b>											
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">HNRS 161</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">HNRS 162</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">HNRS 163</div> </div>			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">HNRS 261 (F,W, or S)</div>			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">HNRS 361 (F,W, or S)</div>			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">HNRS 461 (F,W, or S)</div>		
<b>APPROVED ELECTIVES:*</b>			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">HNRS Course (F,W, or S)</div>			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">HNRS Course (F,W, or S)</div>					
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<b>CO-CURRICULAR EXPERIENCE:</b>						<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Documented Campus or Community Leader Experience</div>					
						<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Documented Mentor or Learning Assistant Experience</div>					
<b>APPROVED HONORS TRACK:</b> (declared during second year)			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; background-color: #800000; color: white;">Choose a Research Experience, International Experience, or Civic Engagement and Service Experience</div>								
<b>DEGREE-SPECIFIC EXPERIENCE:</b>									<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Disciplinary Senior Project</div>		

\* - Approved electives may include HNRS- or HNRC-prefix courses. At least five courses need to be completed totaling at least 14 units.