

Honors College Advisement Resources

The UNM Honors College provides rewarding opportunities for intensive, interdisciplinary and cross-cultural, liberal-arts education to motivated, talented, and creative undergraduates in all majors and to build a community of scholars. All students at UNM, regardless of their major, are encouraged to apply to the Honors College and pursue a credential option to enhance their UNM experience. Students need to be admitted to the Honors College prior to registering for any Honors College courses.

Important information

- Benefits of the [Honors College](#)
 - A/CR/NC Grading System. Students can leverage this to their benefit to improve their semester and/or cumulative GPA.
 - If a student retains active status in the Honors College (i.e. taking at least two HNRS/UHON courses in first year, and then one HNRS/UHON course per academic year and maintaining a 3.2 GPA), they receive the benefit of priority registration.
 - No exams!
- [Admissions](#)
 - The Honors College experience can be started at any time. We encourage current UNM students and transfer students to apply.
 - Admissions are processed on a rolling basis, typically at the beginning of each month. Contact honorsadvisors@unm.edu for any questions about admissions.
- Registration
 - All recently admitted Honors College students receive an override to register for HNRS 1120 from Honors College advisors (if they place out of FYEX 1030 Critical Text Analysis). Admitted students with 30+ credit hours of prior college coursework can start their experience out of sequence (e.g. they can register for upper-division coursework). We encourage students with 30+ credit hours (CH) of prior college coursework to schedule an advisement appointment to discuss different Honors courses.
 - Lower-division courses have the prefix of HNRS and upper-division courses have the prefix of UHON.
 - Honors College advisors provide overrides for HNRS/UHON courses. Advisors and/or students should contact Honors advisors if they believe any overrides are necessary.
- Multiple credential options
 - The most popular Honors credential option is the Certificate in Honors Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts (15 CH), 6 CH of which can be pre-approved Honors College coursework from other departments. We also offer a BA degree (36 CH), UNM Honors Scholar Distinction (27 CH), and Minor (21 CH).
 - The Distinction can double-dip with a student's major(s)/minor(s) for up to 12 CH. The Certificate can double-dip with a student's major(s)/minor(s) for up to 6 CH.
 - The Certificate in Interdisciplinary Design (12 CH) does not require Honors College admission.
- For general questions, students can email honorsadvisors@unm.edu. Students can also schedule individual advisement appointments on LoboAchieve.

What is Seminar-style Learning?

All Honors College courses are capped at 18 students each to promote seminar-style learning. This type of small classroom structure is designed to create community and belonging and helps promote leadership among students. Through in-class discussions and course assignments, students develop their communication and critical thinking skills by engaging in critical dialogue, analyzing information, and exercising their creativity.

Honors College Coursework that Applies to UNM General Education

Subject & Course Number	Seminar Type	General Education Applicability
HNRS 1120	Legacy Seminar	V-A: Humanities
HNRS 2112	Rhetoric & Discourse	I: Communication
HNRS 2113	Fine Arts as Global Perspective	VI: Arts & Design
HNRS 2167	Humanities in Society & Culture	V-A: Humanities
HNRS 2221	Mathematics in the World	II: Mathematics & Statistics
HNRS 2331 & 2331L	Science in the 21 st Century & Lab	III: Physical & Natural Sciences & Lab
HNRS 2364	Individual & the Collective	IV: Social & Behavioral Sciences
SPAN 301	*For students who take Conexiones (summer study abroad program)	V-B: Language

Useful Links:

- [Honors Academic Advising](#) – to learn more about Active Status requirements, Pre-approved courses, and Petitions
- [Honors College Course Previews](#) – to read course descriptions for upcoming Honors College courses
- [Honors Degrees & Credentials](#) – to learn more about the requirements for different Honors credentials
- [Honors Admissions](#) – to learn more about how to apply to the Honors College
- [Interdisciplinary Design](#) – to learn more about the Certificate in Interdisciplinary Design (12 CH)
- [Honors Roadrunners](#) – to connect to student leaders in the Honors College for peer support
- [Honors Pathmakers](#) – to learn about the student mentoring program in the Honors College

Questions?

- We encourage students to email our shared inbox with any questions: honorsadvisors@unm.edu
- For advisement questions, you can send us a Teams message or email our individual emails:
 - Athena Gordon (Academic Advisement Coordinator): acgordon@unm.edu
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