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Honors course designators for Honors Seminars (HON) with Human Diversity Credential
(Proposal unanimously approved by Honors Committee, January 2021; consultation with R & R and curricular deans in January 2021 brought up no concerns)

In fall 2019, a suite of HON designators for Honors seminars were approved (BC, November 2019; General Education Committee, October 2019) and vetted by R & R and Financial Aid. That suite addressed seminars that might receive general education credit as well as writing infused credit.

The UHP is now seeking to expand the HON offerings to include the human diversity credential. In the case of general education requirements, the General Education Committee approves or denies general education designation to each individual course proposing it, thus maintaining oversight over new content in each specific case (given that seminars function like topics courses).

For writing infused courses, courses seeking this designation fill in the writing infused form describing the merits of the course with respect to this issue, and college curriculum committees determine whether the standard is met. For HON courses requesting to count as writing infused, the Baccalaureate Council has jurisdiction.

We propose that there be another set of HON designators that relates to human diversity. The approval process would mirror that of writing infused HON courses. The human diversity forms would be completed, and applications would be submitted to the Baccalaureate Council for approval for each course individually each time it is taught.

The course designators proposed are as follows:

HON 410 Honors Seminar: Human Diversity
HON 410A Honors Seminar: Creativity and Critical Thinking & Human Diversity
HON 410B Honors Seminar: Nature and Technology & Human Diversity
HON 410C Honors Seminar: Society and Culture & Human Diversity
HON 410D Honors Seminar: Writing Infused & Human Diversity

The rationale is as follows:

1. If a seminar meets the human diversity metrics, then it should count as such.
2. The more seminars can build in general education, writing infused, and/or human diversity principles, the more robust they are as educational experiences for Honors students.
3. This is another way to help students meet their requirements for graduation in a streamlined manner. Seminars often meet no other requirement than the Honors seminar requirement. This is inefficient and not in line with best practices in Honors education.

Catalog Changes Requested:

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1. Add the new HONs to the “Course List” under the University Honors Program info and amend info to include human diversity (new material highlighted in blue).

Course List

Honors curricular credit is earned when a course is honors designated through an “H” after the course designator and number or when the course designator is HON. University Honors Seminars may be courses from particular colleges and departments, or, in some cases, are from the Honors course list provided here. Seminars labeled HON300 A-C earn general education credit in the knowledge domain listed in the title; seminars labeled HON400 A-C identify seminars that earn both general education credit in the knowledge domain listed in the title and writing infused credit; seminars labeled HON400D earn writing infused credit; seminars labeled HON410 earn human diversity credit; seminars labeled HON410 A-C identify seminars that earn both general education credit in the knowledge domain listed in the title and human diversity credit; seminars labeled HON410D earn writing infused and human diversity credit. All the HON designated courses satisfy the University Honors Seminar requirement.

HON 310 Honors Seminar Credits: 3

HON 300A Honors Seminar: Creativity and Critical Analysis Credits: 3

HON 300B Honors Seminar: Nature and Technology Credits: 3

HON 300C Honors Seminar: Society and Culture Credits: 3

HON 400A Honors Seminar: Creativity and Critical Thinking & Writing Infused Credits: 3

HON 400B Honors Seminar: Nature and Technology & Writing Infused Credits: 3

HON 400C Honors Seminar: Society and Culture & Writing Infused Credits: 3

HON 400D Honors Seminar: Writing Infused Credits: 3

HON 410 Honors Seminar: Human Diversity Credits: 3

HON 410A Honors Seminar: Creativity and Critical Thinking & Human Diversity Credits 3

HON 410B Honors Seminar: Nature and Technology & Human Diversity Credits 3

HON 410C Honors Seminar: Society and Culture & Human Diversity Credits 3

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HON 410D Honors Seminar: Writing Infused & Human Diversity Credits 3

2. Add all new HON designator courses listed above to the [Inter-College and University-Wide Interdisciplinary Courses](#).
3. Add all new HON designator courses (HON410, HON410A-D) to the human diversity course list.
4. Add HON410 A-C designator courses to general education course list.
5. Add HON 410D designator course to writing infused course list.
6. Add course descriptions (which mirror the descriptions of the HON courses already in the catalog):

HON 410 – Honors Seminar: Human Diversity

Selected topics from any academic discipline. Topics vary each semester. Content satisfies the Human Diversity requirement. May be taken a total of three times as topic changes. Honors seminars are restricted to students in the University Honors Program. University Honors Program permission required to enroll.

Credits: 3

HON 410A - Honors Seminar: Creativity and Critical Analysis & Human Diversity

Selected topics from any academic discipline. Topics vary each semester. Content satisfies the Creativity and Critical Analysis general education knowledge domain and the Human Diversity requirement. May be taken a total of three times as topic changes. Honors seminars are restricted to students in the University Honors Program. University Honors Program permission required to enroll.

Credits: 3

HON 410B - Honors Seminar: Nature and Technology & Human Diversity

Selected topics from any academic discipline. Topics vary each semester. Content satisfies the Nature and Technology general education knowledge domain and the Human Diversity requirement. May be taken a total of three times as topic changes. Honors seminars are restricted to students in the University Honors Program. University Honors Program permission required to enroll.

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Credits: 3

HON 410C Honors Seminar: Society and Culture & Human Diversity

Selected topics from any academic discipline. Topics vary each semester. Content satisfies the Society and Culture general education knowledge domain and the Human Diversity requirement. May be taken a total of three times as topic changes. Honors seminars are restricted to students in the University Honors Program. University Honors Program permission required to enroll.

Credits: 3

HON 410D Honors Seminar: Writing Infused & Human Diversity

Selected topics from any academic discipline. Topics vary each semester. The course is writing infused and satisfies the Human Diversity requirement. May be taken a total of three times as topic changes. Honors seminars are restricted to students in the University Honors Program. University Honors Program permission required to enroll.

Credits: 3