How to Walk through the Honors Program as a Student in the ARTS…

As a student in the Arts, you have a number of options available to you. You may earn the Honors Degree (Bachelor of Arts, Honors) by pursuing either the Thesis Track or the Oral Exam Track. You may also earn an Honors Minor. Another option is to simply maintain your membership in the Honors Program by taking a minimum of one Honors course every third semester and keeping your GPA at a 3.33 or above.

The Honors Program offers a number of Core Requirement and Upper Level Elective courses, especially in the Humanities and Social Sciences. Please refer to NOVASIS for course listings. You are encouraged to meet with both your advisor in your major and your Honors advisor to best take advantage of the Honors courses available to you.

**Honors Degree—Bachelor of Arts, Honors (B.A.H.):**

**Thesis Track**
- 10 Honors courses, including the following required courses:
  - 3 upper level courses inclusive of Senior Thesis Project (HON 6000 and HON 6002)
  - Sophomore Research Seminar
- You must also major in another subject area. Any Honors courses you take in this subject area will also count toward your Honors degree.
- You are encouraged to complete as many of your Core Requirements in the Honors Program as possible.

**Oral Examination Track**
- 10 Honors courses, meeting the following requirements:
  - 3 upper level elective courses, typically in your major discipline or area of interest, as approved by your advisor
  - Complete a Comprehensive Oral Examination with one-credit Capstone course in the Senior Year in your major discipline
- You must also major in another subject area. Any Honors courses you take in this subject area will also count toward your Honors degree.
- You are encouraged to complete as many of your Core Requirements in the Honors Program as possible.

**Honors Minor:**
- 5 Honors Courses
- 2 of these 5 courses must be upper level elective courses (**Note: ETH2050 if not an upper level course**)
- Contract Courses do not count towards an Honors Minor
Courses in your Core Requirements Offered in Honors:

ACS 1000, 1001
THL 1000
PHI 1000
ETH 2050
MAT Course*
ENG 1975
HIS Course*
SOC SCI Courses*
Fine Arts Course*
Various upper-level electives

*Check Honors course listings on NOVASIS for specific courses offered in a given semester.
*All of the courses above have Honors section numbers, specified H01, H02, etc.

Additional Honors Curricular Options:

**Contract Course:** Junior and Senior students may make an agreement with a professor to do Honors-level work in a non-Honors upper level course in their major subject area to receive Honors credit. Proper paperwork must be completed before the end of the drop/add period in the semester in which you are pursuing this option. Students may use this option twice in the pursuit of an Honors Degree. Contract courses do not count towards an Honors Minor, but do count towards activity status in the Program.

**Independent Study/Research:** Junior and Senior students may organize an independent study or research project with a professor in their major subject area to receive Honors credit. Students must register for either HON 5500 or 5501, and proper paperwork must be completed by mid-term break in the semester prior to the intended independent study. Students may use this option once in the pursuit of an Honors Degree or Honors Minor. This course does count towards activity status in the Program.

**Study Abroad:** Students studying abroad may earn up to 6 credits of Honors credit through approved study abroad experiences. Approved coursework may count towards the pursuit of the Honors Degree along with activity status in the Program. This coursework does not count towards the Honors Minor. Students should fill out the Honors Program, Study Abroad Course Approval Form after their study abroad experience to have courses approved for Honors credit. Suggested courses are listed in the Curriculum tab of the Honors website. The Approval Form can be found online under Current Student Resources (“Student Forms”) or in the Honors Program Office Garey 106.

**Graduate Courses:** Any graduate level course a student takes will count as Honors credit towards an Honors Degree or Honors Minor and activity status in the Program. Please alert the Honors Office if you are taking a graduate course.

**Honors Program One-Credit Workshops:** Students may take any number of offered one-credit workshops. These workshops are intended for enrichment purposes only and will not count toward an Honors Degree, Minor, or activity status; nor will these credits be reflected in a student’s GPA.