

HONORS PROGRAM AT FCLC

The honors program at Fordham College at Lincoln Center is an opportunity for talented and motivated students to explore many areas of learning in a small intellectual community of student scholars and faculty. The program is limited to approximately 18 students in each year and is directed by a faculty member, as well as a faculty adviser who stays with each class through their four years. The honors program gives students a solid grounding in the major academic disciplines, and then prepares the students for independent learning and research, culminating in a senior thesis or project.

Students are selected for invitations to the honors program in the spring before their first year. On rare occasions students are admitted to the program in the middle of their first year or at the beginning of their sophomore year. The honors curriculum replaces the regular Core Curriculum of the college with a series of intensive seminars. A dedicated honors seminar room on the ninth floor of the Lowenstein Center is available for honors classes and other activities. Students enrolled in the honors program gather outside of class for occasional dinners, visits to museums and libraries, and cultural events.

For more information

Visit the Lincoln Center Honors Program web page.

Requirements

During the first year the honors student takes four honors seminars (two each semester) in philosophy, English, theology, and history. In addition, students take a full year interdisciplinary natural science and math class and workshops in writing and public speaking. Honors students also take a year of a modern or classical language at the intermediate level or higher. (If a student starts a new language in the first year, four semesters will be required.)

In sophomore year honors students have more choice in their schedule. Each semester they take two interrelated honors courses that use the resources of New York City. The other six courses taken in sophomore year are chosen by the student in consultation with the class adviser.

In the junior year, the student's primary focus is on the major course of study, but students also complete an honors requirement from among the following options, writing a reflection at the conclusion of the experience:

- They may elect to study abroad in a program approved by the Honors Director.
- They may complete a tutorial or research project designed by the student and one or more faculty and approved by the Director
- They may arrange a special internship (e.g., work with an artist, writer, or scientist, with directed academic readings), approved by the Director.
- They may undertake a semester or yearlong community service project, approved by the Director.

In the senior year, honors students will participate with their peers in a senior thesis workshop and in the honors Senior Values seminar. Finally, to receive honors, students are required to publicly present their thesis or the equivalent (i.e., artistic project).

Course	Title	Credits
Year 1		
Fall		
HPLC 1201	Honors: English	3
HPLC 1401	Honors: Theology	3
HPLC 1603	Honors: Natural Science I	4
HPLC 1811	Honors: Writing Intensive	2
Modern or classical language		3
Credits		15
Spring		
HPLC 1001	Honors Philosophy	3
HPLC 1801	Honors: History	3
HPLC 1604	Honors: Natural Science II	4
HPLC 1011	Honors: Speech and Rhetoric I	1
Modern or classical language		3
Credits		14
Year 2		
Fall		
HPLC 2501	Honors: Art History at the Museums	3
HPLC 2803	Honors: Trends in NYC	3
Three major or elective courses		9 to 12
Credits		15-18
Spring		
HPLC 2610	Globalization: Seminar	3
HPLC 2811	Honors Sacred Texts	3
Three major or elective courses		9 to 12
Credits		15-18
Year 3		
Fall		
Individualized plan of study		16 to 20
Credits		16-20
Spring		
Individualized plan of study		16 to 20
Credits		16-20
Year 4		
Fall		
HPLC 4500	Thesis Workshop	3
Major, minor, elective courses		12 to 16
Credits		15-19
Spring		
HPLC 4050	Honors: Senior Values Seminar	4
HPLC 0045	Honors Thesis Completion	0
Major, minor, elective courses		12 to 16
Credits		16-20
Total Credits		122-144