HONORS PROGRAM AT FCLC

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 2610 Globalization: Seminar 3
HPLC 2811 Honors Sacred Texts 3
Three major or elective courses 9 to 12
Credits 15-18

Year 2
Fall
HPLC 2501 Honors: Art History at the Museums 3
HPLC 2803 Honors: Trends in NYC 3

Credits 14

Three major or elective courses 9 to 12
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

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