

**To:** Jennifer Bird-Pollan, Chair, University Senate Council

**From:** Christian Brady, Dean, Lewis Honors College

**Date:** November 19, 2018

**RE:** Proposed Program Changes, Lewis Honors College

The current Honors curriculum, effective Fall 2018, was approved in Spring 2017 and appeared on the April 17, 2017 Senate transmittal. The curricular changes in that transmittal were based on work by the Honors Transition Committee. The following program changes are necessary to make minor updates in the Honors curriculums.

- 1) **Modification of Directed Elective to Honors Elective**
- 2) **Minor modifications of the Fall 2018 30-credit curriculum**
- 3) **Minor modifications of the Fall 2018 15-credit curriculum**

This proposal was discussed and approved by the Honors College Council on October 26, 2018.

1) **Modification of the description of the Directed Honors Elective**

The Honors transition committee felt strongly that three credits of the new curriculum should be designated as a course from outside of their major. The thought was that Honors students would benefit from the breadth of study with respect to courses and faculty that would result from having the Directed Elective. However, we believe the same outcome for most of the Honors students can be achieved with a general Honors Elective that would allow the student to decide whether their Honors curriculum should include breadth or depth. Of the current senior class of Honors students, 97% are already taking at least one lower level HON course, where 65% are taking two HON lower level courses. In addition, 57% of the current seniors have breadth in their upper level courses, by taking either HON 301 or departmental honors sections from two different discipline areas. The inclusion of another Honors course requirement, beyond what the current seniors are required to take, will offer an additional opportunity for breadth for the students on the 30-credit Honors curriculum. We expect that the number of students taking a course outside of their discipline area will increase further. We will be tracking the breadth of courses and faculty disciplines for our Honors students as a part of our annual report data.

**Proposed Description of the Honors Elective**

The Honors Elective requirement (3 credits) can be fulfilled by taking any Honors course. Students will work with their Honors Academic Advisor to consider Honors Elective options that will support exploring their purpose, developing intellectually, and leading with purpose.

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2) Minor modifications of the Fall 2018 30-credit curriculum.

<b>STARTING AS A FIRST-YEAR HONORS STUDENT</b>		
<b>Fall 2018 Curriculum</b>	<b>Proposed Changes</b>	<b>Rationale</b>
<b>Six Credits of Required Courses</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CIS/WRD 112 Accelerated Composition and Communication II (3)</li> <li>HON 101 The Individual and Society (3)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CIS/WRD 112 Accelerated Comp.<sup>^</sup> and Comm. II (3)</li> <li>HON 101 <b>Knowledge</b> and Society (3)</li> </ul>	Course title change. Proposal submitted in Curriculog (received by UC on 9/13/18).
<i>The Senate proposal contains these additional details about the CIS/WRD 112 requirement.</i> “Students meeting the Composition and Communication I and II Core area in part or in full through alternate means will have those credits applied to this Honors requirement in place of mandatory enrollment in CIS/WRD 112.”	<b>^ Students with credit for ENG 101 and 102 before attending UK, can also meet this requirement by taking an appropriate COM course.</b>	Clarification of the specific requirements and what “in part” refers to.
<b>Twelve Credits of Honors Courses:</b>		
Students choose at least two lower-level Honors courses, 6 credits total <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HON 151 Honors in Humanities (3)</li> <li>HON 152 Honors in Natural, Physical, and Mathematical Sciences (3)</li> <li>HON 251 Honors in Social Sciences (3)</li> <li>HON 252 Honors in Arts &amp; Creativity (3)</li> <li>or Honors courses/sections in existing UK courses (3)</li> </ul>		No change.
Students choose at least two upper-level Honors courses, 6 credits total <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HON 301 Proseminar (3)</li> <li>Honors courses/sections in existing UK courses (3)</li> <li>or a graduate course that meets the needs and interests of the student* (3)</li> </ul>		No change
<b>Three Credits of Directed Elective</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HON 301 Proseminar (3)</li> <li>or departmental Honors course outside student’s major* (3)</li> </ul>	<b>Three Credits of Honors Elective</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Any HON course or departmental honors section.</b></li> </ul>	Rationale given in the previous section.
<b>Six Credits of Honors Experiences</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Education Abroad, HON 352 or equivalent</li> <li>Service Learning or Community Outreach, HON 399 or equivalent</li> <li>HON 395 Independent Work or equivalent</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Education Abroad, HON 352 or equivalent</li> <li>Service Learning or Community Outreach, HON 399 or equivalent</li> <li><b>Independent Research, HON 395 or equivalent</b></li> <li><b>Internships/Co-op Experiences, HON 396 or equivalent</b></li> </ul>	Reworded. New option. HON 396 is a new course, proposal submitted in Curriculog (received by UC on 9/13/18).
<b>Honors Thesis</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HON 398 Senior Honors Capstone or college/departmental equivalent (3)</li> </ul>		No change.
*Program pre-approval required.	<b>*Must be approved by the Director of Academic Affairs.</b>	Editorial change.

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3) Minor modifications of the Fall 2018 15-credit curriculum.

<b>STARTING AS A JUNIOR HONORS STUDENT (4-5 semester remaining)</b>		
<b>Fall 2018 Curriculum</b>	<b>Proposed Changes</b>	<b>Rationale</b>
<b>Six Credits of Honors Courses:</b>		
Students choose one: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HON 101 The Individual and Society (3)</li> <li>HON 151 Honors in Humanities (3)</li> <li>HON 152 Honors in Natural, Physical, and Mathematical Sciences (3)</li> <li>HON 251 Honors in Social Sciences (3)</li> <li>HON 252 Honors in Arts &amp; Creativity (3)</li> <li>HON 301 Proseminar (3)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HON 101 <b>Knowledge</b> and Society (3)</li> <li>HON 301 Proseminar (3)</li> </ul>	New course title. Removal of the lower-level Honors courses that also count as UK core, since most students have taken their UK core classes by their junior year.
Students choose one <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HON 301 Proseminar (3)</li> <li>Honors courses/sections in existing UK courses (3)</li> <li>or a graduate course that meets the needs and interests of the student* (3)</li> </ul>		No change
<b>Three Credits of Directed Elective</b>	<b>Three Credits of Honors Elective</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HON 301 Proseminar (3)</li> <li>or departmental Honors course outside student's major* (3)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Any HON course or departmental honors section.</b></li> </ul>	Rationale given in the previous section.
<b>Three Credits of Honors Experiences</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Education Abroad, HON 352 or equivalent</li> <li>Service Learning or Community Outreach, HON 399 or equivalent</li> <li>HON 395 Independent Work or equivalent</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Education Abroad, HON 352 or equivalent</li> <li>Service Learning or Community Outreach, HON 399 or equivalent</li> <li><b>Independent Research, HON 395 or equivalent</b></li> <li><b>Internships/Co-op Experiences, HON 396 or equivalent</b></li> </ul>	Reworded.  New option. HON 396 is a new course, proposal submitted.
<b>Honors Thesis</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HON 398 Senior Honors Capstone or college/departmental equivalent (3)</li> </ul>		No change.
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