

College of Behavioral, Social and Health Sciences

Communication Studies

Departmental Honors in Communication Studies requires the following sequence of courses totaling 6 credit hours over two semesters:

COMM 4960 Honors Creative Inquiry Capstone (3) for a total of six credit hours over a period of two semesters

To earn Departmental Honors in Communication Studies, students must achieve a cumulative grade point average of 3.40 or better in Communication Studies courses and complete the two-semester Honors thesis project, ideally building on a project designed in one of the prerequisite research courses, COMM 3060, 3100 or 3110. The project is to be completed during a student's final two semesters.

Prior to the conclusion of the *sixth* semester, students should enlist the guidance of a faculty adviser who will then oversee their Honors thesis during their *seventh* and *eighth* semesters. During the seventh semester, students enroll in COMM 4960, Honors Creative Inquiry Capstone, for 3 credits and undertake the first stages of their thesis.

During the *eighth* semester, students enroll in COMM 4960, Honors Creative Inquiry Capstone, for 3 additional credits in order to complete the final work on their thesis which will culminate in a substantial written paper of conference or publication quality and length.

The final project will be evaluated by the student's Honors committee and then presented in an oral presentation open to the public.

Students must have a grade of A or B in the two 496 courses.

Health Sciences

Departmental Honors in Health Science requires the following sequence of courses totaling 7 credit hours:

HLTH 3950 Honors Research Seminar (3)
 4950 Honors Thesis Seminar (3)
 4960 Honors Research Colloquium (1)

Departmental Honors in Public Health Sciences requires two semesters (three credits each) of independent research and participation in a one-credit research colloquium in which the student will present an honors thesis, portfolio of creative work, a major research project, or service-learning project in a public forum to other honors students and faculty. The Department of Public Health Sciences will select six Departmental Honors candidates each year for participation in the Departmental Honors program. In HLTH 3950, the student participates with other honors students in a research seminar and attends the senior honors student presentations during the honors research colloquium. Students are required to identify faculty mentors during the spring semester of their junior year as part of this seminar and solicit their input in the creation of the research proposal. HLTH 4950 involves collection and analysis of data under the supervision of a faculty mentor in the student's area of interest, the writing of the thesis, the creation of a portfolio of creative work, or the development of a major research project and oral, written and/or visual presentation of the honors work to the faculty of the Department of Public Health Sciences and departmental honors students in a one-hour research colloquium, HLTH 4960, in the Spring of the senior year. Honors projects

are expected to involve substantial independent research and will demonstrate a command of the appropriate literature.

Nursing

Departmental Honors in Nursing requires the following sequence of courses totaling 9 credit hours:

NURS	3280	Honors Seminar I (2)
	3300	Research in Nursing (3)
	4200	Honors Seminar II (2)
	4280	Honors Seminar III (2)

Students work with an honors mentor to develop and implement an honors project. In NURS 3280, students identify an area of interest, identify team members for their project, and contact a faculty mentor. In NURS 3300, students review the literature about their topic and begin to develop their proposals. In NURS 4280, students finalize their proposal and submit for funding, then in NURS 4280, students carry out their project, write it up and present it at the college research day and at any Clemson University Honors research day.

This is designed to provide nursing honors students an opportunity for advanced, independent and in-depth study of a clinical problem or professional issue in nursing under the guidance of a faculty preceptor.

Honors nursing students develop and implement a directed study project or honors thesis that addresses a major clinical problem related to nursing or a professional nursing issue.

Students will be admitted to the Honors Program in Nursing in the Fall semester only.

Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Management

Departmental Honors in Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Management requires the following sequence of courses totaling 9 credit hours:

PRTM	3990	Introduction to Field Training and Research (1)
	4090	Methods of Recreation Research I (3)
	4100	Methods of Recreation Research II (3)
	4990	Presentation of Honors Projects (1)
	9100	Research Seminar (1)

PRTM Departmental Honors is earned through a cohort-based program. Students may apply to the Departmental Honors Coordinator to participate in the program or faculty may nominate students for the program. Applications are processed each fall and the PRTM Department selects approximately seven candidates for each cohort annually.

Departmental Honors students begin the program by taking PRTM 3990 to orient them to their upcoming research projects, including providing background information and related field experiences. Following PRTM 3990, students will take the sequence of PRTM 4090 and 4100 with a faculty member who has a research project beginning or ongoing. In PRTM 4090 the students will learn the rationale for the faculty member's project, examine the scientific literature relevant to the project, become familiar with the methods and tools related to the research, and develop a research proposal that fits within or compliments the planned or ongoing research project. In PRTM 4100 the student will conduct the proposed research project, including any necessary field work, data collection, or analyses. Students then take PRTM 9100

(graded as a pass/no pass course based predominantly on attendance and participation) in conjunction with HON 4000 to provide insights into graduate-level research, research presentations, and the potential opportunities afforded in a PRTM graduate program. Honors students earn graduate credits for taking PRTM 9100, as allowed by university policy for undergraduate seniors with a 3.0 GPA or higher. Finally, in PRTM 4990 the students complete a written summary of the project conducted in PRTM 4100 and prepare and present an oral summary of the project. The oral presentation will be made in PRTM 9100 or in an appropriate professional setting with the permission of the supervising instructor. Upon approval of the Departmental Honors Coordinator, PRTM 4080 Honors Internship (6 credits) may be taken in place of PRTM 4090 and 4100.

The eight honors-based credit hours from PRTM 3990, 4090, 4100, and 4990 (or PRTM 4080, if taken) may in some cases be substituted for regular degree requirements.

Departmental Honors may not be available to students concentrating in Golf or Recreation Therapy because of conflicts with external requirements for professional certification.

Political Science

Departmental Honors in Political Science requires the following sequence of courses totaling 8 credit hours:

POSC	3950	Junior Honors Research Seminar (1)
	3960	Junior Honors Research (1)
	4900	Senior Honors Thesis Research (3)
	4910	Senior Honors Thesis (3)

Departmental Honors in Political Science consists of four courses, of which, three (3) hours will count toward the 30 hours in Political Science required for graduation. In your junior year you will take POSC 3950 and POSC 3960. In POSC 3950, you will participate with other honors students and with various members of the faculty in a research seminar. In this course, you will learn how to develop a research topic and how to choose an appropriate research methodology, and you will have the opportunity to hear research presentations by students who are writing their senior theses. At the conclusion of the course, you will prepare a research prospectus for a project to be completed the following semester in POSC 3960. This project will comprise a substantial research paper, written in conjunction with any approved three-credit 3000- or 4000-level political science course.

The senior thesis consists of a two-course sequence that will involve substantial independent research and will demonstrate a command of the appropriate literature. The thesis will be graded by your advisor, taking into account the comments of at least one other member of the faculty.

Requirements for POSC 4900 are assigned by your advisor and typically will consist of a detailed proposal or topic outline, an annotated bibliography, and other evidence of progress toward completion of the thesis. The final thesis grade will be summa cum laude, magna cum laude, cum laude, or no distinction. The course grade for POSC 4910 will be A for theses awarded an honors grade and B or below for theses awarded a grade of no distinction.

The Political Science Department also offers honors courses taught in a foreign language (French or Spanish):

POSC	3610	American Diplomacy and Politics (3)
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3750 European Integration (3)

Psychology

Departmental Honors in Psychology requires the following sequence of courses totaling 6-8 credit hours:

PSYC 4900 Senior Division Honors Research (2-4)
 4910 Senior Division Honors Research II (2-4)

A cumulative GPA of 3.40 or higher in Psychology courses is required for participation in Departmental Honors. The program involves two semesters of independent research culminating in a thesis of publishable quality. The thesis may be empirical, historical, or theoretical in nature and should demonstrate your ability to evaluate and subsequently add to an important area of psychological study. A total of six to eight credits of PSYC 4900 and PSYC 4910 is required, with variable credit hours per semester allowed.

The department recommends that you take PSYC 4900 the second semester of your junior year and PSYC 4910 the first semester of your senior year. You are encouraged to use the second semester of your senior year for manuscript revision and submission of your thesis for publication. Prior to undertaking PSYC 4900 you are encouraged to participate in the PSYC 4990 seminar, which focuses on specific research projects and evaluation of design, methods, analysis, and interpretation.

To graduate with Departmental Honors you must successfully defend your completed thesis before the thesis committee and other interested parties.

The department also offers the following honors courses:

PSYC 3400 Life-span Developmental Psychology (3)
 3520 Social Psychology (3)
 3830 Abnormal Psychology (3)
 3900 Honors Seminar in Psychology (3)
 4220 Sensation and Perception (3)
 4970 Directed Studies in Psychology (1-4)
 4980 Team Based Research (1-4)

Sociology

Departmental Honors in Sociology requires the following sequence of courses totaling 10 credit hours:

SOC 3040 Social Research Methods II (HON) (4)
 4080 Honors Thesis Research I (3)
 4090 Honors Thesis Research II (3)

To be eligible for Departmental Honors in Sociology, you must: (1) be an Honors student with a cumulative GPA of 3.4 or better; (2) have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.4 or better in all Sociology courses (to include at least one 4000-level Sociology course); and (3) have the approval of the department chair and/or the departmental Honors coordinator. Departmental Honors in Sociology requires the completion of Soc 3040 as an Honors course and the completion of an Honors thesis concurrent with enrollment in Soc 4080 and 4090. The six (6) credit hours earned for Soc 4080 and 4090 will be in addition to the required hours of Sociology courses necessary for graduation.

The Honors thesis is completed over the course of two consecutive semesters (typically either your sixth and seventh or your seventh and eighth semesters). In the semester preceding enrollment in Soc 4080, you should enlist the guidance of a faculty advisor who will then oversee their Honors thesis during the following two semesters. Your thesis committee will be made up of the advisor and one additional departmental faculty member. If you choose, you may also add a third committee member from any department who has expertise in your topic. The thesis will involve substantial independent research and demonstrate a command of appropriate literature. The thesis will be graded by the advisor, who will receive and consider the comments of your committee. Requirements for Soc 4080 and 4090 and a timeline for completion of your thesis will be assigned by your advisor. The SOC 4080 work usually consists of a detailed outline proposal, an annotated bibliography, and other evidence of substantial work toward completion of the thesis. SOC 4090 will involve the actual writing, and where necessary, revision of the thesis for presentation. To graduate with Departmental Honors you must successfully defend your completed thesis before the thesis committee and other interested parties and receive a grade of A or B in Soc 3040, 4080, and 4090.

Students pursuing Departmental Honors are encouraged to enroll in additional Sociology courses at the Honors level. The department also offers the following Honors courses; additional courses may be taken at the Honors level with concurrent enrollment in HON 4000:

- SOC 2010 Introduction to Sociology (3)
- SOC 3100 Marriage and Intimacy (3)
- SOC 3110 The Family (3)
- SOC 3940 Sociology of Mental Illness (3)
- SOC 4610 Sociology of Sex and Gender (3)