

HNRS-HONORS

HNRS 1110. Journeys of Discovery

1 Credit (1)

Weekly conversations among students and a faculty member; organized around a particular subject and a small selection of readings. The seminars illuminate the many paths of discovery explored by the New Mexico State University faculty.

Prerequisite(s): Honors eligible.

HNRS 2110G. The Present in the Past: Contemporary Issues and their Historical Roots

3 Credits (3)

This course will take today's concerns, trends, and customs and contextualize them in the past, explaining their historical origins and development. As an example, we will examine the history of celebrity and how celebrities – from Lord Byron to the Kardashians' made an impact on their contemporaries and the broader society of their time. This reading- and writing-intensive course will help students develop skills related to critical thinking, logical argumentation, and written and oral communication.

HNRS 2111. Successful Fellowship Writing

1 Credit (1)

Provides scholars with hands-on skills to complete proposals for scholarships and fellowships, such as the Truman, Rhodes, Marshall, Goldwater, Udall, and others. Other skills include how to write resumes, develop general research skills, and find grant and foundation sources. For freshmen and sophomores. 5 or higher

Prerequisite(s): An ACT score of 26 or higher; or a combination of an ACT score of 24-25 with a High School GPA of 3.75; or a NMSU cumulative GPA of 3.

HNRS 2114G. Music in Time and Space

3 Credits (3)

Introduction to all forms of Music. Through our auditory senses and intellectual faculties music is an ideal means for intelligent and humanistic examination of peoples and cultures, and for the enhancement of life. Types of music covered include classical, jazz, rock and roll, and world music. Music videos, live in-class performances, evening concerts, and lectures will be used as a basis for discussions and research. May be repeated up to 3 credits. Restricted to Las Cruces campus only.

HNRS 2115G. Encounters with Art

3 Credits (3)

A multicultural examination of the principles and philosophies of the visual arts and the ideas expressed through them. 5 or higher

Prerequisite(s): An ACT score of 26 or higher; or a combination of an ACT score of 24-25 with a High School GPA of 3.75; or a NMSU cumulative GPA of 3.

HNRS 2116G. Earth, Time and Life

4 Credits (3+3P)

Covers how the earth's materials form, processes involved in changing the earth's configuration, and extent of people's dependence upon the earth's resources. Includes mineral and energy resources, development of landscapes, environmental problems, evolution of the earth and life forms. May be taken in place of GEOL 1110. 5 or higher

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HNRS 2117G. The World of the Renaissance: Discovering the Modern

3 Credits (3)

An introduction to the literature and thought of Renaissance Europe. Humanism and the Reformation will be approached through the intensive study of major writers such as Petrarch, Machiavelli, Luther, Erasmus, Montaigne, and Shakespeare. Restricted to Las Cruces campus only. 5 or higher

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HNRS 2120G. Foundations of Western Culture

3 Credits (3)

Critical reading of seminal texts relating to the foundations of culture and values in Western civilization, from ancient Greece to about 1700. Focus on the development of concepts of nature, human nature, and the state. 5 or higher

Prerequisite(s): An ACT score of 26 or higher; or a combination of an ACT score of 24-25 with a High School GPA of 3.75; or a NMSU cumulative GPA of 3.

HNRS 2130G. Shakespeare on Film

3 Credits (3)

How do Shakespeare's plays continue to speak to us through the medium of film? Written in a time of rapid social change, Shakespeare's plays invited audiences to think critically about the relationship between the self and others and to question conventions. Performances of Shakespeare have long been used to call out social injustice, from western anti-Semitism prior to World War II (The Merchant of Venice), to civil rights-era white supremacy in the US and apartheid in South African (Othello), and authoritarianism in the Arab Spring (Richard III). This course focuses on post-1980 Hollywood film versions of Shakespeare's plays and a few prior landmark adaptations around the world, examining how they use Shakespeare as a medium for debate and even a catalyst for social change.

HNRS 2140G. Plato and the Discovery of Philosophy

3 Credits (3)

Examines arguments and theories found in the Platonic dialogues with a view to determining the nature and value of philosophy both from Plato's point of view and absolutely. 5 or higher

Prerequisite(s): An ACT score of 26 or higher; or a combination of an ACT score of 24-25 with a High School GPA of 3.75; or a NMSU cumulative GPA of 3.

HNRS 2141G. Bamboo and Silk: The Fabric of Chinese Literature

3 Credits (3)

Introductory survey of traditional and modern Chinese prose and poetry in translation with emphasis on genre, theme, and social/historical context. 5 or higher

Prerequisite(s): An ACT score of 26 or higher; or a combination of an ACT score of 24-25 with a High School GPA of 3.75; or a NMSU cumulative GPA of 3.

HNRS 2145G. Celtic Literature

3 Credits (3)

This course provides an overview of the most important early literary works of the so-called Celtic nations, principally Ireland and Wales, from a literary and historical approach. This literature stems from the period 600-1200 and ends with the development of the Romances under influence from the French

HNRS 2160G. New Testament as Literature**3 Credits (3)**

Literature of the New Testament examined from a literary perspective. Emphasis on translation history of the New Testament, generic features of gospel, epistle and apocalypse, precedent literary models, problems of authorship, classification of New Testament texts. 5 or higher

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HNRS 2161G. Window of Humanity**3 Credits (3)**

Anthropology is the most humanistic of the sciences, and the most scientific of the humanities. This course will use anthropological perspectives to examine the human experience from our earliest origins, through the experiences of contemporary societies. We will gain insights into the influence of both culture and biology on shaping our shared human universals, and on the many ways in which human groups are diverse. Restricted to Las Cruces campus only. 5 or higher

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HNRS 2165. Humanities in the 21st Century**3 Credits (3)**

An exploration of the humanities, of their intrinsic and extrinsic values, and of the skills and habits of mind they cultivate.

HNRS 2170G. The Human Mind**3 Credits (3)**

The primary course objective is to develop an appreciation of the variety and complexity of problems that are solved by the human mind. The course explores how problems are solved by a combined computational analysis (computational theory of mind), and evolutionary (evolution by natural selection) perspective. The mind is what the brain does (i.e. information processing) and the brain is a computational device that is a product of evolution by natural selection. Note that this is not a neuroscience course, we will be focusing on the mind (what the brain does) rather than on the brain. Restricted to Las Cruces campus only.

HNRS 2171G. The Worlds of Arthur**3 Credits (3)**

Arthurian texts and traditions from medieval chronicles to contemporary literature. Emphasis on both the continuities of the Arthurian tradition and the diversity of genres, media, and cultures that have given expression to the legend. May be repeated up to 3 credits. Restricted to Las Cruces campus only.

HNRS 2172G. Archaeology: Search for the Past**3 Credits (3)**

A critical evaluation of various approaches to understanding prehistory and history. The methods and theories of legitimate archaeology are contrasted with fantastic claims that invoke extraterrestrials, global catastrophes, transoceanic voyages, and extra-sensory perception. May be repeated up to 3 credits. Restricted to Las Cruces campus only. 5 or higher

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HNRS 2173G. Middle Ages**3 Credits (3)**

Intensive, interdisciplinary introduction to the thought and culture of medieval Europe. Core texts will include works by St. Augustine, Marie de France, and Dante, as well as anonymous works such as Sir Gawain and the Green Knight, all supplemented by study of medieval art, architecture, philosophy, and social history. 5 or higher

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HNRS 2174G. American Politics in a Changing World**3 Credits (3)**

American politics and policies examined from a historical and global perspective. Philosophical underpinnings of American national government, the structure of government based on that philosophy, and the practical implications of both the philosophical and structural base. How American government influences and is influenced by the world community. 5 or higher

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HNRS 2175G. Introduction to Communications Honors**3 Credits (3)**

Study and practice of interpersonal, small group, and presentational skills essential to effective social, business, and professional interaction. 5 or higher

Prerequisite(s): An ACT score of 26 or higher; or a combination of an ACT score of 24-25 with a High School GPA of 3.75; or a NMSU cumulative GPA of 3.

HNRS 2176. Acting for Everyone**3 Credits (3)**

To provide fundamental training in acting techniques, including stage voice and movement, improvisation, ensemble building, characterization, emotion exploration and basic performance analysis. The course will provide a correlation between theatre skills and everyday 'life' skills and seek to encourage an appreciation for the art of theatre.

HNRS 2178G. Theatre: Beginnings to Broadway**3 Credits (3)**

Intercultural and historical overview of live theatre production and performance, including history, literature and professionals. Students attend and report on stage productions. 5 or higher

Prerequisite(s): An ACT score of 26 or higher; or a combination of an ACT score of 24-25 with a High School GPA of 3.75; or a NMSU cumulative GPA of 3.

HNRS 2180G. Citizen and State Great Political Issues**3 Credits (3)**

The fundamental questions of politics: why and how political societies are organized, what values they express, and how well they satisfy those normative goals and the differing conceptions of citizenship, representation, and freedom. 5 or higher

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HNRS 2185G. Democracies, Despots and Daily Life**3 Credits (3)**

This course will offer students the chance to read firsthand accounts of ordinary citizens' lives under different political systems, from the earliest age to the present day. This reading- and writing-intensive course will help students develop skills related to critical thinking, logical argumentation, and written and oral communication.

HNRS 2190G. Claiming a Multiracial Past**3 Credits (3)**

Survey of history of the United States in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, with an emphasis on multicultural social and cultural history. Focus on understanding American history from the point of view of dispossessed, impoverished, and disenfranchised Americans who have fought to claim both their rights as Americans and American past. 5 or higher

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HNRS 2996. Special Topics**1-3 Credits (1-3)**

Special course offerings, with unique titles listed in Schedule of Classes. May be repeated up to 6 credits.