

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Interoffice Communication

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To: Summer Orientation Advisers

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RE: Orientation for First-Year Honors Program

I understand that you will be a summer adviser and have been assigned students who have been admitted to the First-Year Honors Program (FHP). We plan to enroll more than 400 students in FHP from all six undergraduate colleges. We have limited openings for qualified, motivated students who have not yet applied to Honors. If you advise a student you believe is qualified and would benefit from participating in Honors, please call 4-0855 as you advise that student. However, please do not enroll any student who has not been admitted to FHP into an Honors course without first contacting the Honors Program. I attach the Fall 2017 Honors courses and seminars for which FHP students are eligible.

In the next few weeks, you will receive the names of students who have been accepted into FHP, including each student's major as indicated by the Admissions Office. We know that students change majors and colleges during May and June, so this list may not be completely up to date. We will keep your college classification officer informed of changes as we learn of them, but please let us know if you learn of any changes.

FHP students should attend a 10:15 a.m. meeting in the Jischke Honors Building on Day One of their orientation session. At this meeting, we give students a brief overview of the program, distribute First-Year Honors orientation packets, and answer any questions they might have. Students who have not attended the 10:15 session may attend the 10:15 a.m. session on the following day if it is also a Day One, or may call or stop by the Honors Office to schedule an appointment.

Because required Honors courses may reduce flexibility for course scheduling, please let the Honors Office know immediately of any Honors course-related scheduling difficulties. Please contact Suzanne Wirth at 4-0855 if problems arise so that we may take care of them before the student leaves campus.

Below is a checklist outlining Honors requirements and options for your use as you advise students in the First-Year Honors Program. **Please note that students who have credit for English 250 are required to enroll in either an Honors course or an Honors seminar for the fall semester. Additionally, there is no test-out option for English 250H.**

Thank you for serving as an Honors adviser during Orientation. If you have any questions about the First-Year Honors Program, please feel free to call.

Orientation Checklist for First-Year Honors Students

- Register for Honors 121, First-Year Honors Seminar, 1 credit, Satisfactory-Fail.** This seminar about Iowa State and the Honors Program is an integral part of FHP. We offer 36 sessions during 12 different time slots, MW or TR.

- Register for English 250H for the fall semester.** Unless your *official* university records show credit for English 250, register for a section of English 250H. Please note that there is no test-out for English 250H. **If you are bringing college credit that does not yet appear on your records, you must register for English 250H.** Honors Program staff will drop English 250H from your schedule later in the summer if appropriate.

Students who have credit for English 250 will enroll in either an Honors course or an Honors Seminar. A list of seminars is available at honors.iastate.edu/courses/sf17.php

- Register for Library 160, Section 50, Reference No. 4862250, 1 credit, Satisfactory-Fail.** Unless your *official* university records show credit for Library 160, register for section 50 of Lib 160. The time should be listed as “arranged.”

- Consider registering for other Honors courses, Honors sections of courses, or Honors seminars.** Refer to the list in the red Orientation Guide. Many of these classes are small (20-25 students) in order to encourage discussion and experiential learning. Honors sections are not harder than other sections, but are often more hands-on or in-depth. They may be chosen as electives or, in most cases, to fulfill requirements in your curriculum. You may also take discussion-based Honors seminars (generally limited to 17 students), which are offered each semester on a variety of topics.

- Read *A Long Way Home: A Memoir* by Saroo Brierly.** Over the summer all FHP students will read *A Long Way Home* for this year’s common reading program. You can purchase the book at most bookstores (including the University Bookstore), or borrow it from libraries nationwide.

**HONORS COURSES
AND COURSES WITH HONORS COMPONENTS**

Type	Course Number	Title
Reserved	English 250H	Written, Oral, Visual, and Electronic Composition
Reserved	Honors 121	First Year Honors Seminar
Reserved	Library 160 (section 50)	Honors Library Instruction
Course	Aerospace Engineering 160H	Aerospace Engineering Problems with Computer Applications Lab
Course	Math 166H	Honors Calculus II
Course	Physics 221H	Honors Classical Physics I
Course	Physics 222H	Honors Classical Physics II
Course	Physics 241H	Principles and Symmetries in Classical Physics I
w/Component	Biology 211	Principles of Biology
w/Component	Chemistry 177	General Chemistry
w/Component	Chemistry 177L	Laboratory in General Chemistry
w/Component	Engineering 160 (not for AeroE)	Engineering Problems with Computer Applications Lab
w/Component	Math 265, Section E1	Calculus III

HONORS SEMINARS WITH OPENINGS (AS OF MAY 16)

Course Number	Title	Instructor[s]
HON 321D	The Power of a Story	Carolyn Duven
HON 321F	Ethical Eating	Barbara Pleasants & John Pleasants
HON 321G	Entrepreneurship	Shoba Premkumar
HON 321J	Habits of Mind – HoM Work for the Brain	Suzanne Hendrich
HON 321K	Building Biopsychosocial Muscles	Hardeep Obhi
HON 321L	Feminism and the Media	Alissa Stoehr
HON 321M	Conflicts in the Middle East	Jean-Pierre Taoutel
HON 321P	How We Tell Stories Storytelling Through New Media	Jenna Mertz & Phoebe Wagner
HON 321Q (section 2)	Cultural Perspectives and the Built Environment	Sharon Wohl
HON 321R	The Revolution Will Not Be Televised Activism and Cultural Resistance of Women in the U.S.	Ashley R. Garrin
HON 321S (section 2)	Music and Health	Miriam Zach
HON 321T	Lessons from Positive Psychology on Happiness and Success	Lisa Friesth
HON 321U (section 2)	Publish or Perish The Relation of Publicity to Propaganda	Mikesch Muecke
HON 321V	Exploring the Historic Built Environment	Ted Grevstad-Nordbrock
HON 321Y	Socrates Café	Laurie Law
HON 321Z	What's In a Word? The Origins of Words and Phrases	Laurie Law

For a complete list of Honors seminars and descriptions, see honors.iastate.edu/courses/sf17.php