

# Honors Guild

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Taylor University's Honors Guild is a challenging academic experience for high ability, highly motivated students from across academic disciplines. Students must be selected to be part of the Honors Guild. The Honors Guild seeks to provide an intentional environment where curiosity is nurtured and ideas are examined. The Honors curriculum emphasizes the integration of faith and learning, ideas, and values through discussion-based courses, mentoring relationships, global engagement, and student initiative. All students participating in the Honors Guild should register for the honors preceptorial discussion group associated with IAS 110. The Honors Guild functions as an academic minor, but is designed to offer students a four-year experience through diverse course offerings (many of which meet foundational core requirements) and co-curricular programming. Many Honors courses are listed by the departments that offer them and noted by an "H" after the course number.

Due to the structure of the first year, as well as the intended four-year design, students must apply to the Honors Guild by February 1, prior to their freshman year. Typically, incoming freshmen applying to the program have earned a minimum 3.70 high school GPA and a combined (Math and Reading) SAT score of 1280 or ACT composite score of 28. The application process is competitive due to size limitations. Further information about the Honors Guild, including application procedures, may be obtained by contacting the Director of the Honors Guild.

## Honors Guild

The requirements for completion of the Honors Guild includes at least 21 hours and an overall GPA of 3.40. *All courses counting toward the Honors Guild must be completed with a grade of C- or better.*

### Program Requirements

CAS 120H 3 Interpersonal Communication  
HNR 225 1 Honors Colloquium  
HNR 370\* 3 Special Topics (*advisor approved*)

A 3-4 credit study abroad course approved by and designated for the Honors Guild during interterm is required.

### Theology and Philosophy Requirement

Select one additional course from the following:

BIB 210H 3 Biblical Literature II  
HNR 370 3-4 Selected Topics (*advisor approved*)  
PHI 413H 3 Contemporary Christian Belief

### Arts and Humanities Requirement

Select one additional course from the following:

ENG 230H 3 World Literature  
HNR 264 4 Going Up to Glory: Migration & Voice in African American Lives  
HNR 370 3-4 Selected Topics (*advisor approved*)  
HUM 330H 4 Arts and Ideas

### Social and Natural Sciences Requirement

Select one additional course from the following:

CHE 120H 4 Forensic Science  
COS 321H 3 Ethics and Technology  
HNR 270 3-4 Selected Topics (*advisor approved*)  
HNR 370 3-4 Selected Topics (*advisor approved*)  
MAT 220 4 Ways of Knowing

### Electives

Select at least one or two additional courses to reach at least 21 credit hours from the following:

HNR 225 1 Honors Colloquium  
IAS 340 1-2 Lewis and Related Authors Seminar  
IAS 370H 1 Selected Topics (*advisor approved*)  
PHI 382 1 Ethics Bowl  
SDV 215 1 God's Call: Exploring a Theology of Vocation  
SDV 216 1 Vocation: Living a Faithful Response

\*This course must be an approved senior capstone course for the Honors Guild.

## Honors Guild Courses

**HNR 120** 2 hours

### Global Paradigms of Leadership

This seminar style course will explore leadership from diverse, global perspectives. Students will engage leaders and leadership styles from other cultures, studying how the Christian faith integrates into diverse leadership structures.

**HNR 170** 1-4 hours

### Selected Topics

A course offered on a subject of interest but not listed as a regular course offering.

**HNR 225** 1 hour

### Honors Colloquium

The Honors colloquium is an interdisciplinary course which brings together a group of like-minded students to discuss a variety of topics with a focus on the year's theme. Requirements for this course include attending a variety of campus lectures and events and engaging in dialogue around "big ideas" in culture, Christianity, and public discourse. Students will have the opportunity to facilitate discussion of a topic of their choosing. *May be repeated for credit.*

**HNR 264** 4 hours

### Going Up to Glory: Migration and Voice in African American Lives

This interdisciplinary course presents an integrative survey of African American literature and history from African origins through the modern civil rights movement. The historical focus is on the three major migrations African Americans have experienced during this period. Literary selections from multiple genres will span these eras and highlight the development and patterns of African American voice. *Meets both the foundational core literature and history requirements. Prerequisite: ENG 110.*

**HNR 270** 1-4 hours

### Selected Topics

A course offered on a subject of interest but not listed as a regular course offering.

**HNR 360** 1-4 hours

### Independent Study

An individualized, directed study involving a specified topic.

**HNR 370** 1-4 hours

### Selected Topics

A course offered on a subject of interest but not listed as a regular course offering.

**HNR 393** 1-4 hours

### Practicum

Supervised learning involving a first-hand field experience or a project. Generally, one hour of credit is awarded for a minimum of 40 hours of practicum experience. *Offered primarily during summer.*

**HNR 450** 1-4 hours

### Directed Research

Investigative learning involving closely directed research and the use of such facilities as the library or laboratory.

**HNR 480** 1-4 hours

### Seminar

A limited-enrollment course designed especially for upper-class majors with emphasis on directed readings and discussion.

**HNR 490** 1-2 hours

### Honors

Individualized study or research of an advanced topic within a student's major. *Open to students with at least a 3.00 GPA in the major field.*

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