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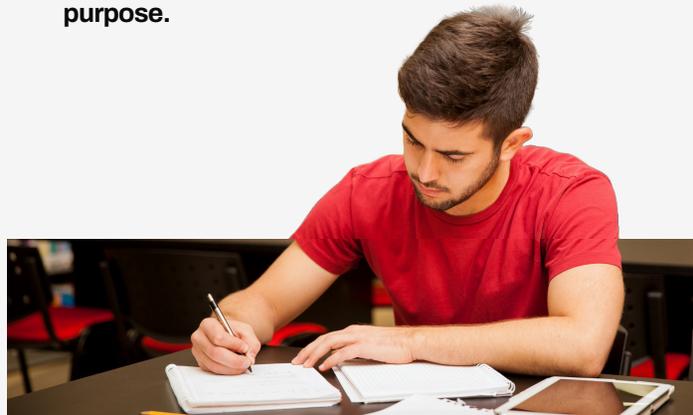


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Curiosity Connection Challenge

About Us

The Honors College at the University of Oklahoma fosters curiosity, connection, and critical thinking. Through small classes, close mentorship, and an interdisciplinary curriculum, we challenge students across all majors to think deeply, explore boldly, and grow intellectually—preparing them for a lifetime of learning and purpose.



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PERSPECTIVES COURSES

HON 2963.003 Creation and Consequence

What happens when humans play creator? A journey from Gothic horror to artificial intelligence.

HON 2963.004 Sport in Africa

More than a game—sport as a lens into Africa’s history, culture, and social change. Gen Ed: *World Culture*

HON 2973.001 Religion and State

What does “religious freedom” really mean? Law, history, and the First Amendment. Gen Ed: *Western Culture*

HON 2973.002 Asian American Studies

Discover how Asian American experiences shape identity, society, and culture. Gen Ed: *Western Culture*

HON 2973.003 What is Science

Rethinking science: knowledge, culture, and power in the scientific enterprise. Gen Ed: *Western Culture*



HON 2973.005 Music, Sound, Noise

Listening to the world: music, noise, and the soundscapes of everyday life. Gen Ed: *Western Culture*

HON 2973.006 American Gangster

Gangsters and the American Dream: crime, culture, and celebrity. Gen Ed: *Western Culture*

HON 2973.008 Words of Fire

Exploring the multicultural West: beyond guns, cowboys, and saloons. Gen Ed: *Western Culture*





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HON 2973.009 American Lives

Exploring American life through biography, history, and storytelling choices. Gen Ed: *Western Culture*

HON 2973.011 Speaking Truth to Power

Dissent and justice: understanding how challenging power transforms society. Gen Ed: *Western Culture*

HON 2973.013 Boom to Zoom: Generation Gaps

Boomers, Xers, Millennials, Zoomers: decoding generational stereotypes. Gen ed: *Western Culture*



HON 2973.014 Reacting to the Past

Live the past: suffrage, strikes, and industrial upheaval through immersive games. Gen Ed: *Western Culture*

HON 2973.015 Ethnicity and Race

Race, ethnicity, and the forces that shape identity and social life. Gen Ed: *Social Science*

PERSPECTIVES COURSES



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COLLOQUIUM COURSES

HON 3993.017 Whitman vs. Dickinson

Expansive versus intimate: the poetry of Whitman and Dickinson.

HON 3993.018 Film Noir

Shadows, suspense, and the dark side of cinema Gen Ed: *Western Culture*

HON 3993.001 The Great War

World War I: origins, upheaval, and the making of the modern world. Gen Ed: *Western Culture*

HON 3993.005 The Wolves of Wall Street

Wall Street: ambition, speculation, and the price of the American Dream. Gen Ed: *Western Culture*

HON 3993.007 The Writer's Journey

How writers become writers: identity, craft, and creative life. Gen Ed: *Western Culture*

HON 3993.012 Oral History and Africa

Listening to history: oral traditions and the stories they preserve. Gen Ed: *World Culture*



HON 3993.014 Music & Meds Across Cultures

Music as medicine in global cultural traditions. Gen Ed: *World Culture*

HON 3993.015 African Migrations

Diaspora in motion: African migration and global identity. Gen Ed: *World Culture*

HON 3993.016 Welcome to the Anthropocene

Planet under pressure: humanity, change, and environmental futures. Gen Ed: *Western Culture*



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Courses Taught by Presidential Teaching Fellows

Explore Interdisciplinary Topics
with Visiting Experts

Limited Time Only



HON 2973.016 Underworld Economics

When crime goes corporate: organized
crime in business and politics.

HON 2973.017 Infrastructure

America's infrastructure since 1945:
systems that shape everyday life.

HON 2973.018 The Poetics of Place

Writing where we live: memory, place,
and self-expression.

HON 3993.019 Economics of Natural Disasters

When disaster strikes: economics of
risk, response, and resilience.

HON 3993.020 Media and Society

Picture postcards and the history of
visual media.

HON 3993.021 Adolescence in YA Literature

Adolescence on the page: stereotypes,
science, and story.





Honors College Seminar

(One Credit)

HON 3970.001 Future of College Athletics

For the first time, Honors Colleges and programs at 10 universities in the SEC are coming together to offer a forum on the future of college athletics. The one-credit, semester-long course is designed to help undergraduate students understand the rapidly evolving landscape of the modern game. The weekly, in-person course will offer virtual plenary sessions in which all students learn directly from national athletic leaders and experts; and students will participate in cross-disciplinary discussions with faculty and athletic administrators on their home campuses. Open to Honors (and non-Honors students with instructor permission). Seating is limited



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