Program outcomes and curriculum map

On successful completion of the AU Honors Program, students will have demonstrated a capacity to:

### Begin in wonder
Approach and explore a topic with an awareness of the strengths and limitations of diverse intellectual perspectives.

### Journey in curiosity
Develop and execute a rigorous scholarly plan for generating knowledge, in dialogue with a variety of traditions of inquiry.

### Dare to know
Display a substantive grasp of a topic that advances our understanding of that topic.

#### First year

**Fall (7 credits)**

- **CORE-106 (3cr)**  
  Complex Problems Seminar  
  An Honors section

- **HNRS-150 (1cr)**  
  AU Honors Experiential Learning  
  Co-curricular supplemental activities, including in DC

- **WRTG-100 (3cr)**  
  College Writing  
  An Honors section  
  OR

- **WRTG-106 (3cr)**  
  College Writing, Intensive  
  An Honors section

**Spring (1 credit)**

- **HNRS-151 (1cr)**  
  AU Honors Inquiry Experience  
  Faculty-led projects intended to help students engage in the process of knowledge-creation and knowledge-presentation.

#### Second year

**Fall (3 credits)**

- **HNRS-395 (3cr)** (new course)  
  Theories of Inquiry  
  Broad conceptual exploration of different ways of producing and presenting knowledge across fields and disciplines; emphasis is on developing an appreciation of the strengths and limitations of different approaches, and on the formation of research questions in different traditions.

**Spring (3 credits)**

- **HNRS-398 (3cr)**  
  Honors Challenge Course  
  A team-based "wicked problems challenge" in which students design and execute a project, mentored and advised by a member of the faculty.

#### Third and Fourth years

- **Honors Colloquium (6cr)**  
  3 credits must be either **HNRS-400 Advanced Honors Colloquium** or another upper-division Honors offering elsewhere on campus.

- **3 credits** can be another of the above or an Honors supplement affixed to an upper-division course either on campus or abroad.

- Note that Honors supplements (HNRS-050, new course) are 0-credit registrations mediated by a contract between the student, the instructor, and AU Honors.

- **Honors Capstone (3cr)**
  Either an Honors capstone offered by an Honors in the major program or an Honors supplement (HNRS-098, new course) affixed to a non-Honors capstone or HNRS-498 AU Honors Capstone.

23 credits total; 8 unique to AU Honors

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**Mission Statement:**

We *begin in wonder*, *journey in curiosity*, and ultimately, *dare to know*. The AU Honors Program brings together a diverse community of students and faculty to learn in experiential and inquiry-driven ways. Propelled by curiosity and a willingness to take risks, our students endeavor to push the bounds of the known and the knowable throughout their shared academic journey. The program supports students as they dare to contribute to knowledge, creative expression, and meaningful change.