

AU Honors Curriculum

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

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

1 Begin in wonder Approach and explore a topic with an awareness of the strengths and limitations of diverse intellectual perspectives.	2 Journey in curiosity Develop and execute a rigorous scholarly plan for generating knowledge, in dialogue with a variety of traditions of inquiry.	3 Dare to know Display a substantive grasp of a topic that advances our understanding of that topic.
FIRST YEAR Fall (4 credits) CORE-106 (3cr) Complex Problems Seminar HNRS-150 (1cr) AU Honors Experiential Learning Co-curricular supplemental activities, including in DC 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) 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/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 upperdivision 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) affixed to a non-Honors capstone OR HNRS-498 AU Honors Capstone.

20 credits total; 8 unique to AU Honors