

OBU HONORS PROGRAM

An outline of the program requirements for honors graduation

Requirement	Details of content and process	When to do it
Admission to Program	This usually occurs at the time of admission to OBU, based on test scores and high school GPA. Within current guidelines, participation is elective.	When applying and registering for freshman classes.
HON 1013	Critical Skills in the Liberal Arts. 3 credit hours. This course is designed to orient students to the challenges of the Honors Program, to deepen appreciation of liberal arts learning within the context of Christian higher education, and to enhance the skills of attentive study, critical research, and effective writing.	Fall semester of the freshman year.
HON 1163	Honors Composition and Classical Literature. 3 credit hours. This is the honors version of the traditional second semester composition course; it actually begins the historical sequence of Western civ.	Spring of the freshman year.
Honors Colloquia (4)	<p>HON2119: Colloquium in Humanities HON2219: Colloquium in Fine Arts HON2319: Colloquium in Business HON2419: Colloquium in Life Sciences HON2519: Colloquium in Social Sciences HON 2619: Colloquium in Math/ Physical Sciences</p> <p>0/1 credit hours. Each of these is a reading/discussion/activity seminar experience intended to provide either practical exposure to a topic or special intensive study of a topic, or both. At least two choices should come from outside the student's major area of study.</p>	Four of these are required for successful completion—at least one by the end of the sophomore year, two by the end of the junior year, four before graduation.
HON 2063	Honors Fine Arts. 3 credit hours. Examines the development of the visual, musical, and theatrical arts through c.1900 (with references to significant modern ideas), focusing primarily on western European idioms. It closely relates works and ideas to philosophical, historical events, and sociological trends. This course serves as a platform for discussions in arts and aesthetics for students enrolled in OBU Honors.	Spring of sophomore year. Prerequisite: HON 1163 and sophomore standing in the OBU Honors Program.

HON 3073	Honors Biblical Ethics. 3 credit hours. This is an honors version of the Biblical Ethics course.	Usually taken during the junior year in the spring semester. Counts as half of the basic core requirement for biblical studies.
OSLEP Seminar (Oklahoma Scholar- Leadership Enrichment Program) --or-- HON 3779	Contracted Study. 1-2 credit hours. Designed to provide some opportunity for independent study and mentorship in the major department, a contracted study experience is to be worked out between student and faculty member. Thesis writers should enroll in HON 3779 spring of the junior year.	OSLEP seminars may be taken anytime. Contracted Study must be junior or senior year. Registration requires Director permission.
Honors Capstones (2)	HON 4770: Honors Service Practicum. 0 credit hours. An independently arranged and completed program of at least 80 hours of community service.	May be taken at any time before graduation. Registration requires permission of the Honors Director.
	HON 4889: Travel/Study Abroad. 0-3 credit hours. A program of travel and/or study outside the U.S. Generally this is expected to be a “cultural immersion” experience of at least four weeks duration.	May be taken at any time before graduation, but is probably more appropriate after completion of supporting language and culture courses. Registration requires approval of the Honors Director.
	XXX4999 or HON 4993: Honors Thesis. 3 credit hours. An extended independently arranged project of research and writing, supervised by a faculty member in the major area, presented in written and oral form.	To be completed in the senior year. Registration requires approval of the Honors Director
Grade maintenance	Students in the OBU Honors Program are required to maintain an overall GPA of at least 3.25/4.0.	