

Honors in Human Science at Georgetown University

Honors in Human Science recognizes those Human Science students pursuing a high level of independent discovery research (laboratory, archival, community) during their undergraduate years culminating in a senior undergraduate thesis as they complete their Human Science major course of study.

Eligibility for Human Science Honors: Human science students who have at least a 3.0 GPA at the end of their first semester may apply. This will allow the Human Science Faculty to select students for the Human Science Honors program before students pre-register for their second year fall semester. Students who do not apply to enter Human Science Honors in their first undergraduate year may apply anytime thereafter but will have to have an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher and meet all the deadlines for identifying an advisor, honors area of study and thesis topic as prescribed for those students accepted into Human Science Honors during their first undergraduate year.

Application to Human Science Honors: The letter of application from the student to the Human Science Faculty will include a proposed curriculum plan including Human Science Honors courses for the remaining undergraduate years, idea of a discovery project and name or names of a Human Science Faculty adviser. It is advisable for the student to have discussed the Human Science Honors program before submitting the application with the Human Science faculty member the student wishes as her/his adviser/mentor for her/his Human Science Honors discovery project and thesis. Any deviation from the prescribed Human Science major curriculum requirements must be described in the application.

Approval for Human Science Honors: March of the student's first year unless applying during a later year when approval will be given or denied within two months of the application. All students approved to pursue Honors in Human Science must maintain a 3.0 overall GPA throughout the Honors period of study and are expected to improve their GPA during the Honors period of study.

Human Science Honors Curriculum: Human Science Honors students will meet all Human Science major curriculum requirements unless approved otherwise at entry in Human Science Honors. In addition:

- 2nd year: Student will develop Honors project with approval of the student's Honors adviser.
- 3rd year: Student will build their discovery project in depth and decide on a thesis topic. Thesis is to be in a digital format consistent with the prevailing guidelines of the Human Science Honors program and the Digital Georgetown digital thesis initiative for undergraduates.
- 4th year: Complete discovery project and thesis.
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| October | Digital thesis outline due |
| December | Digital thesis references and draft outline due before end of semester |
| January | Revise and expand draft of thesis |
| February | Initial digital thesis draft due to thesis mentor |
| March | Complete digital thesis draft due |
| April | Public defense of thesis. Refine digital thesis. |
| April 15 | Completed digital thesis due to Department |

Three or more members of the Human Science faculty assigned by the Chair of the Human Science Department will read each thesis and determine if the digital thesis is acceptable or meritorious. No letter or other grade will be applied to the thesis and the thesis does not earn credit hours on the transcript. If acceptable a notation will be placed on the transcript that the student has completed a senior digital thesis.

Graduating with Honors in Human Science requires completion of the Human Science curriculum with the addition of a senior thesis in digital format. Students who complete an acceptable Honors Thesis and all other requirements for the Human Science major will graduate with a B.S in Human Science with Honors. When a thesis is judged by the faculty to be meritorious the student will graduate with a B.S. in Human Science, Honors with Distinction.

Approved: Human Science Faculty

Date: May 10, 2006

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

HSCI - 364 - Honors Research I

Fall only

Staff

Each honors program student undertakes or continues an original research project, which becomes the basis of the senior honors thesis. Students should consult faculty members of their choice at least one semester in advance, to ascertain projects and faculty members' individual policies. Fall.

Credits: 1-4

Prerequisites: None

HSCI - 365 - Honors Research II

Spring only

Staff

This is a continuation of HSCI-364 Honors Research I during which the student continues their original research project which becomes the basis of the senior honors thesis. Students should consult faculty members of their choice at least one semester in advance, to ascertain projects and faculty members' individual policies. Spring

Credits: 1-4

Prerequisites: None

HSCI - 370 - Honors Thesis

Spring only

Staff

During their last semester of the senior year, students in the honors program bring their research projects to conclusion, make an oral presentation of the results to a seminar group of faculty and students, and prepare and submit a written thesis on the basis of their research results. Spring.

Credits: 0

Prerequisites: None

May 2006

**Department of Human Science
Georgetown University**

**Application to Human Science Honors Program
Fall Semester 2006**

Program description from the Undergraduate Bulletin:

The purpose of this program is to permit students of high academic achievement to enjoy greater responsibility and initiative in their major work. The Honors Program in Human science requires a significant research experience which leads to both oral presentation of the research results in a seminar deemed satisfactory by the faculty members in attendance, and completion of a research-based thesis deemed acceptable by the faculty. Students in the Honors Program are required to maintain an average of at least B both in their major and overall. They complete the requirements of the Human Science major, plus take a semester each of Honors Research 364 and 365, a final semester of Honors Thesis HSCI-370, and the Human Science HSCI-321 Internship/research. The student may substitute for HSCI-364, HSCI-365 or HSCI-321 one graduate elective chosen in consultation with their research mentor to complement the experience gained in research. They are required to take only one advanced elective and are exempt from the senior paper in Contemporary Health Science if they so chose enrolling in HSCI-204 for 1 credit instead of 3 credits.

Students with a B average may apply anytime after the end of the first semester of their freshman year.

I, _____, wish to participate in the Honors in Human Science Program as a Human Science major.

My current cumulative GPA is _____. I anticipate graduating in May 20__.

I would like to have _____, who is a member of the Human Science Faculty, as my Human Science Honors research mentor throughout the program. [It is advisable and strongly encouraged for you to have discussed the Human Science Honors program and your areas of interest with your proposed faculty Human Science Honors mentor before submitting this application]. The current Human Science Faculty are listed on the Human Science Department web pages on the Georgetown University website.

This application sheet is accompanied by my letter of application to the Human Science Faculty which includes a proposed curriculum plan including Human Science Honors courses for the remaining undergraduate years, my idea of a discovery. It is to be submitted to the Dr. Evans, Chair of the Human Science Department.

Student's signature

Date of application

Reviewed by the Human Science Faculty on: _____.

Recommendation: Approved _____. Other: _____