OSU Honors College
Parent, Guardian, & Family Session
These slides are available on the HC website!
honors.oregonstate.edu/welcome-families

with HC programs and support students throughout the academic year.

The annual State of the Honors College presentation by Dean Toni Doolen was on Thursday, March 10, 2022! During this event, Dean Doolen shared updates about the college's progress toward its strategic priorities. Check out the video here!

The Honors College spring family event on the Honors College thesis was on Friday, May 6 at noon PDT over Zoom. A recording of the panel discussion is available here.
The Holistic Honors Experience

- Living learning community
- Courses*
- Thesis*
- Advising
- Connections with faculty
- Study abroad
- Community engagement
- Professional development
- Social events

*required elements
Engaging with the Honors College

**Students**

Outreach activities offered throughout the summer

- HC Living Learning Community Move-in (Saturday, Sept. 17 - Tuesday, Sept. 20). Further instructions will be announced in early July
- Participation in HC Summer Read Faculty-Led Discussion (Sept. 19 & 20)
- New Student Induction (first-year students Sept 19 transfer students TBD)
- Other events throughout the year:
  - HC³
  - Dean and Friends
  - Student/Faculty Research Showcases
  - And more!

**Parents & Families**

- https://honors.oregonstate.edu/welcome-families
- Quarterly newsletter & *Honors Link*
  - https://honors.oregonstate.edu/webform/stay-connected
- Social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram): osuhonors
  - https://www.linkedin.com/school/osuhonors
- Parent and family events
- State of the College & Research Showcases
- Summer Sendoff events in some regions (more info coming soon)
- Parent and Family Leadership Circle
  - https://honors.oregonstate.edu/honors-college-parent-and-family-leadership-circle
Honors College Requirements

Maintain a 3.25 cumulative GPA

30 credits (at least 12 upper division)

• 6 credits honors baccalaureate core courses
• 6 credits honors colloquia
• 12 credits honors electives
• 6 credits thesis/research/projects

Thesis project

A typical incoming HC student’s schedule might include one honors course (bacc core, elective or colloquium) each term.
How do honors classes fit into OSU’s required curriculum?
Honors College Curriculum

At a Glance...

- Over 400 honors sections each year
- Small classes with in-depth engagement and hands-on learning
- Taught by ~150 faculty from across campus
- Refreshed each year based on student interests and faculty proposals

Types of Honors Courses

- Options in nearly every baccalaureate core category
- Upper-division courses in wide range of disciplines
- 35-40 colloquia on special topics each term
- Thesis support for every stage in process
What Makes a Course “Honors”? 

**Co-Directed Design**
Innovative teaching styles allow deep and meaningful student involvement.

**Multi-Level Engagement**
Collaboration and engagement among peers *and* with the instructor.

**Experiential Opportunities**
Students make discoveries, solve problems and apply knowledge in real-world contexts.

**A Sense of Purpose**
Students prepare to be thoughtful citizens, leaders and lifelong learners.
Honors College Short-Term Study Abroad Programs

**London**
- Incoming & continuing students
- Mid-August to early September 2023

**France**
- (past trips to Macedonia, Nepal, Vietnam, Ethiopia)
- Paris & Lyon
- 2 weeks in June (2022 and 2023)
Honors College Thesis

Stage 1: Plan

Stage 2: Explore & Build

Stage 3: Commit

Stage 4: Compose & Complete

Thesis Success in Stages (TheSIS) Guide:
http://honors.oregonstate.edu/current/thesis
Why complete a thesis?

- **Opportunity to explore** a question or topic of interest with a faculty mentor
- **Learn** project & time management skills
- **Improve** written & oral communication skills
- **Strengthen** application to graduate/professional school
- **Stand out** from other job candidates
- **Build** professional network and lay the foundation for an outstanding reference
Questions?