

Fayetteville State University's Honors Program in English

The purpose of the Honors Program in English is to allow exceptionally able, ambitious, and self-motivated students to do independent, original work, as well as to pursue further study in the field of language and literature.

- 1.) **Admission.** Students majoring in English (teaching or non-teaching) must complete an *Application for Admission* into the Honors Program (uncfshonors.edu), earn a minimum of 12 semester hours at FSU, and have a cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.3. Applications are accepted only in the spring semester. In addition, the student must secure two letters of recommendation (one of which must be from a college faculty) and write a 250-500 word essay. Admission is based on the student's demonstrated Honors potential at FSU. Transfer students must not have more than 60 semester hours.
- 2.) **Courses.** A grade of "B" or better is required to earn honors credit for the course. (Failure to earn honors credit would not prevent a student from earning course credit with a final grade of "C" or "D"). The department requires that each student sign a contract for each honors course in the major. The contract explains the extra assignments and projects for the honors students enrolled in the course. To maintain eligibility to enroll in honors courses (or seek honors credit in regular classes), students must maintain a minimum cumulative 3.3 Grade Point Average with at least 12 earned hours per semester. Students must complete at least four courses designated as Honors in the University College—one of which must be chosen from the following: SPEE200, ENGL 211, and ENGL 212.
- 3.) **Service Learning Experiences, Events, and Other Extracurricular Activities.** Students in Honors English are assigned a departmental Honors Coordinator, who will design appropriate service learning experiences (internships, cooperative education, Study-Abroad, student conferences, etc.) in the program.
- 4.) **Certification Requirements.** To graduate with Honors in English, a student must complete 30 hours of honors credit, 12 of which are at the University College level, and 18 of which are in the major, or upper division. The English honors student must complete the following six honors courses in the major: ENGL271 (Introduction to Literary Criticism); ENGL311 (English Literature I); ENGL321 (American Literature I); ENGL411 (Shakespeare); ENGL431 (American Novel); and ENGL370 (Junior Seminar) or ENGL 470 (Senior Seminar). In consultation with the department Honors coordinator and the Honors Program director, the student must successfully complete at least three hours of independent research at the Honors level (part of the 18 hours) and write an honors thesis that is approved by two English faculty and the Honors Program. This requirement may be fulfilled through the Junior or Senior Seminar. The student must successfully defend the Honors thesis based on research. Students who participate in a Study-Abroad may earn six credit hours toward their degree, thus reducing the 30 Honors credit expectation by six hours.

Department Approval
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