



Robert D. Clark Honors College Advising & Planning Guide

STEP 1: Select a CHIP

The Clark Honors College CHIP program is designed to effectively incorporate new students into the honors college community of scholars by introducing them to upperclassmen and faculty advisors, as well as their fellow incoming students. The faculty member assigned to each CHIP remains the student's honors college advisor throughout their college career. CHIP courses are designed to allow students the opportunity to explore shared interests in small discussion-based groups while also getting acclimated to the first year university experience. All CHIP courses are one credit and are *required* for incoming first year students. The CHIP course descriptions *will be available in July* on the honors college website (honors.uoregon.edu/courses).

STEP 2: Choose your HC Arts & Letters and HC Social Science sequences*

All Clark Honors College students are required to complete HC 221 & 222 (the Arts & Letters sequence), HC 231 & 232 (the Social Science sequence), and HC 223 **OR** HC 233 (the respective research course). Because these courses are taught during specific terms, they should be completed in sequential order. A student can choose to take the Arts & Letters sequence *or* the Social Science sequence first. There are many different types of HC 221 and HC 231 courses to choose from, so check fall term course descriptions on the honors college website (honors.uoregon.edu/courses).

STEP 3: The Clark Honors College Science and Math requirement

All honors college students are required to take HC 207H or HC 209H prior to graduation except students with following declared science majors and minors:

- Exempt science *majors*:
 - Biology, Marine Biology, Biochemistry, Chemistry, Earth Sciences, Computer and Information Science, General Science, Psychology, Human Physiology, Environmental Science, Environmental Studies
- Exempt science *minors*:
 - Biology, Biochemistry, Chemistry, Computer and Information Science (CIS), Earth Sciences, Physics, Psychology. *Note-- Computer information technology (CIT), a minor in CIS, is not exempt.*

Additionally, all honors college students are required to take four science and math courses from an approved list of UO courses (see enclosed list). AP, IB and college transfer credits may also satisfy some science and math requirements.* Course work in math (quantitative reasoning) and science required of science majors often satisfies the honors college requirements. For students with undeclared majors, the choice rests on individual preference and course availability.

*Depending on courses and test scores, students may use AP or IB credits toward honors college math, science, and second language requirements, applicable major requirements, or university electives. AP and IB credits do not count toward Clark Honors College 200-level courses, including HC 207H, HC 209H, and the Arts & Letters and Social Science courses.

STEP 4: Fulfilling the Language Requirement

Most honors college students are required to satisfy the second-language requirement, which involves completion of two years (or equivalent) of a language beyond English. Some students may have the second-language requirement waived: students who have already selected a major and plan to receive a bachelor of science (BS) that requires 90 credits of coursework or more can consult the list of majors for which the second language requirement is waived. Note that this 90-credit requirement is different than the UO policy. We





recommend that all students with undeclared majors fulfill the language requirement in order to prevent future delays in fulfilling graduation requirements.

STEP 5: Other Area Requirements:

Global Perspectives (GP) and U.S.: Difference, Inequality, Agency (DIA)

During their degree, students complete one GP **and** one US course. This is an adaptation of the UO's previous "multicultural requirement". A student may choose to wait until they are more advanced in their degree program to satisfy these two requirements. However, when choosing a class schedule it is helpful to be aware that many classes at UO satisfy the requirements and that they may overlap with the major. Some of our honors college colloquia will satisfy the GP and US requirements: the course codes and the course descriptions on our website indicate which of these will do so. The 400-level colloquia are taken after the student completes the 200-level research course in either Arts & Letters or Social Science.

Final Tips and Reminders

- Review the enclosed list of graduation requirements. The complete list is also available on our website at honors.uoregon.edu/graduation-requirements.
- Browse the UO online course catalog (uocatalog.uoregon.edu) and class schedule (classes.uoregon.edu) prior to your honors college advising appointment and arrive prepared with multiple scheduling options. Many departmental websites (including the honors college!) have more detailed course descriptions.
- When registering for courses that satisfy honors college requirements, please remember to take them for a letter grade (not P/N). **All honors college courses and requirements must be fulfilled by graded courses unless pass/no pass is the only option.** Note: Second-language coursework prior to the 203 course may be taken Pass/No Pass, but the second-year, third-term language class (for most languages this is the 203 course) must be taken for a letter grade (and passed with a C- or better).
- Please take the online math placement test and, if needed, the second language placement test before your advising appointments. Information about these tests can be found at orientation.uoregon.edu/introducttion/before-you-arrive.
- Remember that there are many options among the HC Arts & Letters and Social Science courses offered each term. Unlike in high school, each class is designed individually by the professor, who selects the topic, the readings, and the assignments – even the teaching approach. **Check out the course descriptions (honors.uoregon.edu/courses) and the faculty profiles (honors.uoregon.edu/faculty) and see what you like!**
- Choosing courses for the first term in the honors college can be confusing and stressful. But it is also really exciting! Planning ahead, being flexible and knowing your options can help to minimize anxiety.
- This guide should be used in conjunction with the UO Orientation Student Workbook, which will be given to you when you check in to your IntroDUCKtion session.



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