



## Honors in the Major:

## **Philosophy**

Students in the Honors Program can choose to pursue various designations to earn upon graduation, including *Honors in the Major*. By completing *Honors in the Major*, students will:

- engage in an enriched and extended learning experience;
- develop as scholars and gain an edge over their peers by choosing a rigorous preparation in their field of study;
- be recognized in the Commencement Book, transcript, and on the diploma.

Students earn this designation at graduation; requirements, including being in good standing with the Honors Program, are reviewed at the end of the final semester:

- 1. 3.3 cumulative GPA
- 2. 3.5 major GPA
- 3. Fulfill Honors Program participation requirements: 1 Honors Learning Experience per semester in the program, including the final semester (students are not required to complete an Honors Learning Experience when they are off-campus).
- 4. Complete 2 Honors Learning Experiences in Philosophy:
  - Honors Contract in a PHI course at the 200 level or above, OR
  - Honors Research with a Philosophy faculty member
- 5. Fulfill the Department's disciplinary participation requirement by taking part in a philosophy-related undergraduate scholarly event such as a workshop, symposium, or conference. For example, Honors students may submit their final project in PHI 299 to either the ISU Undergraduate Philosophy Event, the ISU Undergraduate Research Symposium, or some other appropriate venue. If the project is accepted for presentation, Honors students are expected to present their work.
- 6. Complete an Honors Capstone Experience:
  - PHI 299 (1 credit hour): Honors Independent Study taken concurrently with any 300 level Philosophy Course.

The topic covered in PHI 299 will overlap with the associated 300 level course, but must include substantial additional material and a final project substantially different from that assigned in the 300 level course.

The instructor of the 300-level course will supervise the PHI 299 Honors Independent Study course and determine the content, course work, and method of assessment of the PHI 299 component in consultation with the Honors student.