

Today's Agenda

- ▶ Your Honors Facilitator presents:
Honors Learning Experiences
 - Honors Seminars
 - Honors Sections



The Honors Program Learning Framework: "6 x 6"

The 6 Dimensions of Honors Learning

Critical Thinking
Go beyond your initial understanding to evaluate and make your own conclusions about what you are learning.

Additional Key Words & Phrases for this Dimension:	This Dimension is Exhibited through These Actions:	Questions that Strengthen or Extend the Dimension:	Developing this Dimension will equip me to...

Interdisciplinary Learning
Discover how what you are learning relates to other fields and the world around you.

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Information Fluency
Gain skills in evaluating, creating, and utilizing information and technology across various formats and platforms.

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Creative Productivity
Show your understanding by creating something unique. Go outside the box to make your ideas a reality.

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Leadership Development
Identify and enhance your leadership skills through collaboration with others to make a difference.

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Cultural Intelligence
Understand how culture and context influence people's views and learn to value, adapt to, and interact with diverse populations.

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The 6 Honors Learning Experiences

Honors Seminars
Seminars are grounded in one or more of the Dimensions of Honors Learning, address special topics, and facilitate the development of the Honors community.

Honors Contact(s)	Registration Process	Other Notes

Honors Sections
Choose a section that emphasizes a deep exploration of content and includes engaging application of course topics or skills.

Honors Contact(s)	Registration Process	Other Notes

Honors Contracts
Collaborate with an instructor to turn a regular course into an Honors Learning Experience.

Honors Contact(s)	Registration Process	Other Notes

Honors Research
Initiate research or independent projects in any discipline under the guidance of a faculty member.

Honors Contact(s)	Registration Process	Other Notes

Honors Explorations
Examine topics with an Honors instructor and other Honors students during short-term, noncredit experiences.

Honors Contact(s)	Registration Process	Other Notes

Honors Travel
Experience learning by visiting inspirational places beyond campus. Short-term domestic and international trips are offered.

Honors Contact(s)	Registration Process	Other Notes

6 Honors Learning Experiences

▶ **Honors Seminars**

▶ **Honors Sections**

▶ Honors Contracts

▶ Honors Research

▶ Honors Explorations

▶ Honors Travel



Honors Learning Experiences for Spring

▶ Plan now:

- Honors Section
- Honors Seminar

▶ Plan later:

- Honors Exploration
- Honors Contract
- Honors Research
- Honors Travel



Honors Learning Experiences

Honors students choose one of the six Honors Learning Experiences each semester to customize their education and add value to their degree.



[Honors Sections >](#)

These interactive courses emphasize deep exploration of content, as well as hands-on experiences that encourage application of course topics.



[Honors Contracts >](#)

Collaborate with an instructor to turn a regular course into an Honors learning experience.



[Honors Seminars >](#)

These courses are grounded in one or more of the dimensions of Honors learning, address special topics, and facilitate the development of the Honors community.



[Honors Research >](#)

Initiate research or independent projects in all disciplines. Hone investigative and critical thinking skills under the guidance of a faculty member.



[Honors Explorations >](#)

Examine topics with an Honors facilitator and other Honors students.



[Honors Travel >](#)

Experience learning in real-world settings beyond the campus.



Honors Seminars

- ▶ Two types:
 - Honors Mindset Seminar – HON 102a17
 - Advanced Honors Seminars – HON 205, 206, 207, and 208
- ▶ Credit generating; 1 credit hour
- ▶ Earn a grade; part of your GPA



Advanced Honors Seminars

- ▶ HON 205: Interdisciplinary Investigations
- ▶ HON 206: Innovation and Inquiry
- ▶ HON 207: Leadership in Action
- ▶ HON 208: Culture, Context, and Identity



Advanced Honors Seminars

- ▶ Seminars may be repeated if the topic is different
- ▶ Max of 2 credit hours per course number
 - Example: HON 205 may be taken twice



Advanced Honors Seminars

- ▶ 8-week classes; 1st or 2nd half of the semester
- ▶ Most are twice a week for 50 minutes
- ▶ Wait list option if a seminar is full
- ▶ Honors Contact: Christie Martin, cmproct@ilstu.edu

Advanced Honors Seminars: Spring 2026

HON 205:	Guilty Until Proven Innocent
HON 205:	Dissecting Satire
HON 205:	The Art and Science of Helping: Developing Fundamental Skills for Personal and Professional Success
HON 206:	“Wicked Problems” in K-12 Education
HON 207:	Redefining Challenge: Leading in Unique Environments



Honors Sections

- ▶ Often General Education or intro major courses
- ▶ Smaller class size
- ▶ Register for the class as normal
- ▶ Honors Contact: Christie Martin, cmproct@ilstu.edu



Honors Sections: **Spring 2026 highlights**

COM 110 and ENG 101		Gen Ed
CJS 102:	Individuals, Society, and Justice	Gen Ed – ICL
ECO 102:	Principles of Macroeconomics	Gen Ed – SS
GEO 135:	World Geography	Gen Ed – SS; AMALI
GEO 211:	Earth's Dynamic Weather	Gen Ed – SMT; BS degree
HSC 209:	Health Equity and the Social Determinants of Health	Gen Ed – SMT; IDEAS
PHI 101:	Basic Issues in Philosophy	Gen Ed – HUM



Honors Sections: How to verify

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Spring 2026 Honors Sections

This list is current as of 9/9/2025 and is subject to change. Registration for Spring 2026 will open on October 13.

Biological Sciences
[303: Senior Thesis](#) ☐, Section 1
Required for students pursuing [Honors in the Major in Biological Sciences](#) 📄

Chemistry
[141: General Chemistry II](#) ☐, Lecture section 10; Lab section 4

Communication
[110: Communication as Critical Inquiry](#) ☐, Sections 6, 11, 22, 35, 62
General Education



Honors Sections: How to verify

CourseFinder



Course Directory

IAI Courses

Admissions

PHI 104 - The Ideal Of Democracy

Department: Philosophy

Description: What s valuable about democracy What does democracy stand for What undermines or impedes democracy This course explores philosophical approaches to the promise and challenges of democracy. Topics covered may include oppression, privilege, inequality, mass incarceration, voter disenfranchisement, political communication, civic engagement, and alternative systems of government. May not be taken under the P/NP option.

Credit Hours: 3

General Education: ICL - Individuals and Civic Life

Current Offerings



For the most up-to-date course information, please check the registration system through your [MyIllinoisState portal](#).

Fall 2025

001 - Lecture (In Person): M W 3:35 PM - 4:50 PM , Andrew Higgins 3.00 hour(s) , Honors Only



002 - Lecture (In Person): M W 5:00 PM - 6:15 PM , Andrew Higgins 3.00 hour(s)



001 - Lecture (In Person): M W 3:35 PM - 4:50 PM , Andrew Higgins 3.00 hour(s) , Honors Only

Dates: 08/18/2025 - 12/06/2025

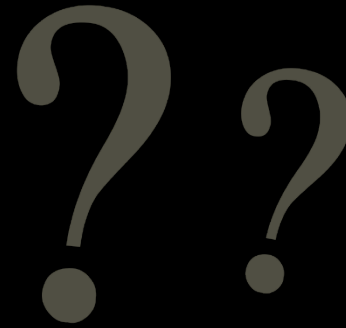
Location: [Adlai E. Stevenson Hall 311](#) (STV 311)

Instructor: [Andrew Higgins](#)

Course Specification: Honors



Honors Peer Mentor Spotlight



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