

**Honors Sections
Advanced Honors Seminars
Honors Explorations
Registration**

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 Learning Experiences for Spring

Class you register for	Hold in your schedule	Happens later
Honors Section	Honors Exploration	Honors Contract
Honors Seminar		Honors Travel
Honors Research		



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Honors Sections

- ▶ Often General Education or intro major courses
- ▶ Smaller class size
- ▶ Register for the class as normal





Honors Sections: **Spring 2027 highlights**

COM 110 and ENG 101		Gen Ed
ECO 102:	Principles of Macroeconomics	Gen Ed – SS COB majors
GEO 211:	Earth’s Dynamic Weather	Gen Ed – SMT; or BS degree
PHI 101:	Basic Issues in Philosophy	Gen Ed – HUM



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Honors Sections: How do I know?

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Spring 2027 Honors Sections

This list is current as of 9/8/2026 and is subject to change.

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

Course Finder

Course Finder

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Communication As Critical Inquiry

COM 110

Subject: Communication **Credit Hours:** 3.00

Course Description: Development of communication competence, critical thinking, information literacy, and ethical practices in public speaking, small group, and interpersonal contexts. May not be taken under the P/NP option. COM 110 and COM 110a01 are equivalent; repeat policies will apply.

IAI Gen Ed Category: IAI-COM

ISU Gen Ed Category: Communication and Composition

IAI GenEd

GenEd

Section 6 - Lecture

In Person



Tue / Thu 8 a.m.-9:15 a.m.



Enrollment: 0 / 25



Credits: 3.00



Honors Only



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



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Advanced Honors Seminars

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



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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
- ▶ Register for the class as normal



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Advanced Honors Seminars: Spring 2027

HON 205; Section 1	Why We Read: Text and Context in Virginia Woolf's <i>Mrs. Dalloway</i>
HON 205; Section 2	Tying the Knot or Untying Tradition? A Debate on Modern Marriage
HON 205; Section 3	Fundamentals of Sustainability
HON 205; Section 4	The Oppression and Criminalization of Women
HON 206; Section 1	Artificial Intelligence and Oppressive Infrastructures
HON 206; Section 2	Technology & Social [In]Justice



Honors Explorations



Coffee, Spring 2026

- ▶ Not a class you “register” for; no credit hours or grade (but there are assignments)
- ▶ Topics are interdisciplinary & innovative



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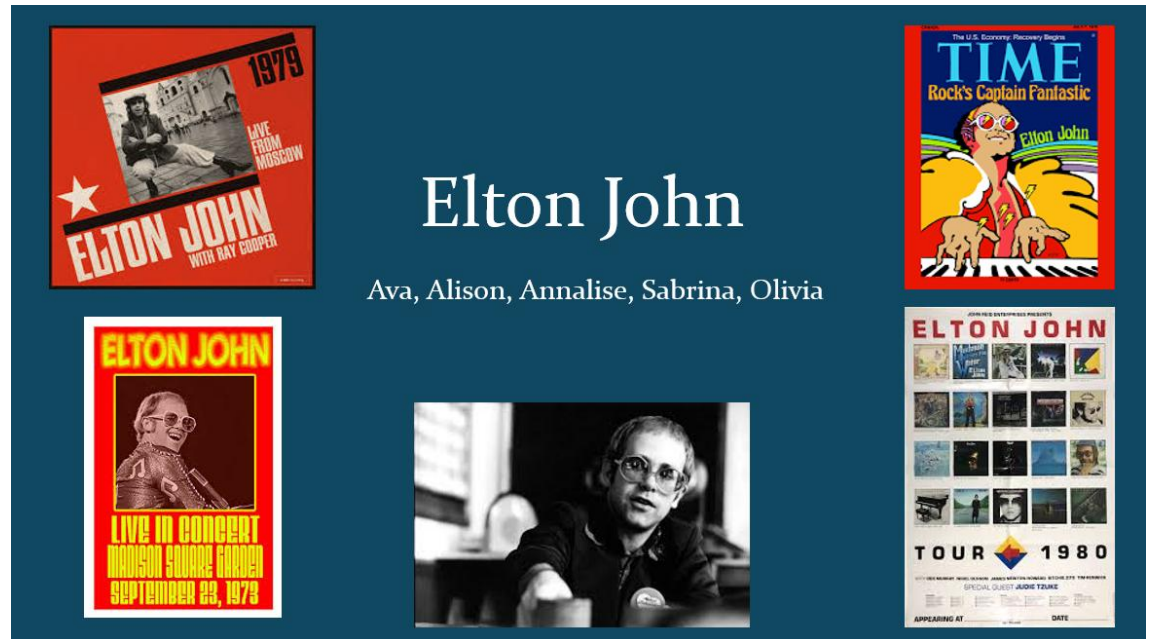
Honors Explorations

- ▶ Small size; no more than 25 students
- ▶ Explorations meet 5 times for 2 hours
- ▶ Attendance and participation are required at all sessions

Music in the Cold War –
Elton John presentation.



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A collage of Elton John-related images on a dark blue background. At the top left is a red poster for '1979 ELTON JOHN WITH RAY COOPER LIVE FROM MOSCOW'. At the top right is a 'TIME' magazine cover from 1970 featuring Elton John with the headline 'Rock's Captain Fantastic'. In the center is the text 'Elton John' above 'Ava, Alison, Annalise, Sabrina, Olivia'. At the bottom left is a poster for 'ELTON JOHN LIVE IN CONCERT MADISON SQUARE GARDEN SEPTEMBER 23, 1973'. At the bottom center is a black and white photo of a young Elton John. At the bottom right is a poster for 'ELTON JOHN TOUR 1980'.

Elton John
Ava, Alison, Annalise, Sabrina, Olivia



Honors Explorations

- ▶ Complete an interest form: 1st and 2nd choice
- ▶ Students are notified if they have a spot in the Exploration or if they are on the wait list
- ▶ Due to high demand, priority is given to students who have not taken many Explorations





Honors Explorations **Spring 2027**

- ▶ The Art and Science of Overwintering
- ▶ Climbing Up: History and Culture of Rock Climbing
- ▶ Mental Game, Public Stage: Sport Psychology in Media & Leadership Contexts
- ▶ Mistakes & Mugshots: America's Youth Navigating the Justice System
- ▶ Make Art, Stress Less
- ▶ Honors Service Exploration: The Baby Fold



Honors Explorations

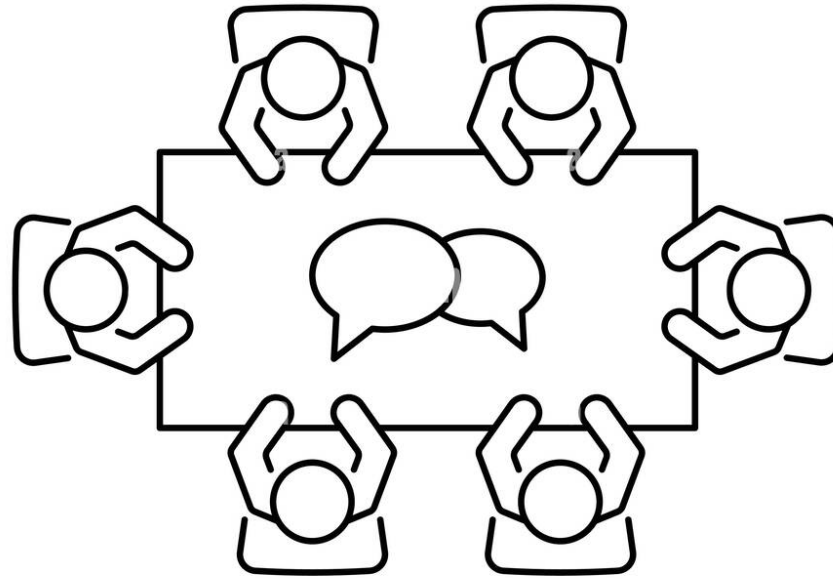
**Mark your
calendars, set your
alarms....**

**7 am on
Wednesday,
November 4**



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Honors Learning Experiences Review



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HLE Question 1

- ▶ What Honors Learning Experience is not for course credit?
- ▶ **Honors Explorations**
- ▶ **Honors Study in the States**



HLE Question 2

- ▶ What grade is needed in an Honors Section or an Advanced Honors Seminar in order for it to count as your Honors Learning Experience?
- ▶ **C or better**



HLE Question 3

- ▶ True or False? You'll register for an Advanced Honors Seminar and an Honors Exploration on the same day.
- ▶ **False**



HLE Question 4

- ▶ How can you identify an Honors Section?
- ▶ **Check the list on the Honors website**
- ▶ **Course Finder**
- ▶ **Registration system**



HLE Question 5

- ▶ True or False? Submitting the interest form for an Honors Exploration guarantees you will get a spot.
- ▶ **False**



Honors Peer Mentor Spotlight



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Preparing for Registration


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**CREATE
YOUR
LEGACY**
with Honors

Registration Information for Spring 2027

Registration Times
 Your registration time is noted in the Academics tab of My Illinois State.

- For spring, the time should be 8:30 am on Monday, October 12.
- For winter session, your registration date/time will be based on earned credit hours. The example below is for a junior.

Registration Times

If you need additional assistance with Course Registration, [visit the Registrar's Office website](#) or contact the Registrar Service Center in Moulton Hall or call (309) 438-2188, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Winter 2026 October 19 at 8:30 AM	Spring 2027 October 12 at 8:30 AM	Summer 2027 Registration Times Available February 1	Fall 2027 Registration Times Available March 1
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Clear Holds and To Do List Items
 Prior to registration, ensure that all Holds have been cleared and all necessary items on your To Do list have been completed (i.e. Financial Responsibility Agreement). Some Holds and/or To Do items will block you from registering.

Holds and To Do items are visible from the home page of My Illinois State.

What Are You Looking For?

Please enter a keyword, email address, or phone number.

Office 365 and Email (1)

Campus (1)

Student Center (1)

Pay/Review Account (1)

Library Services (1)

Academic Calendar (1)

Account Notifications At a Glance
View your account notifications and associated with your account. Select a topic to view complete details.

How to Register for Classes
 Access registration from the Academics tab in My Illinois State.

[Registration resources from the Registrar's Office:](#)

- [Schedule Builder video](#)
- [Schedule Builder instructions](#)
- [Shopping cart video](#)
- [Step by step, visual instructions on how to register](#)
- [Video showing how to register](#)

Having Trouble or Need Help?
 Check out the resources from the [Registrar's Office](#), visit the Registrar Service Center in Moulton 107, or call (309) 438-2188 (Monday – Friday, 8 am – 4:30 pm).

[Email your Honors Advisor.](#)

Common registration errors and how to fix them

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class is noted as having 0 credit hours → There is a block on your account that prevents you from registering → You don't meet the prerequisite → Class is major blocked → | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delete the class from your shopping cart and add it back Check holds and to-do items to identify blocks on your account Verify the prerequisite in CourseFinder; you may need to select another class If your major is not included in the block, you'll need to select a different section |
|---|--|

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7 – 8 am					
8 – 9 am					
9 – 10 am					
10 – 11 am					
11 am – 12 pm					
12 – 1 pm					
1 – 2 pm					
2 – 3 pm					
3 – 4 pm					
4 – 5 pm					
5 – 6 pm					
6 – 7 pm					
7 – 8 pm					
8 – 9 pm					

Registration for Spring 2027: October 12

Check to be sure your Spring 2027 registration time is October 12 at 8:30 am

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October 19 at 8:30 AM

Spring 2027

October 12 at 8:30 AM

Summer 2027

*Registration Times Available
February 1*

Fall 2027

*Registration Times Available
March 1*



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Winter Session – An Option

Registration

Check your time in My Illinois State; deadline to register for a Winter Session course is December 12.

Winter Session Timeline

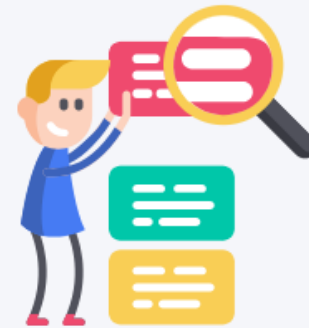
Saturday, 12/12/2026 – Sunday, 1/10/2027



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How do I actually register?

- ▶ Schedule Builder to plan
 - New option to plan your schedule
- ▶ Shopping Cart to register



This is Schedule Builder

All you need to do is to select courses and chill, Schedule Builder will do everything else.

Continue

View Tips



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Graded vs. Pass/No Pass

▶ **Graded:**

- Earn a letter grade and credit hours
- Included in GPA
- Required for Major, Minor, General Education Group 1 classes

▶ **Pass/No Pass:**

- No letter grade; only credit hours
- Not included in GPA
- Check with your advisor



What does it look like?

Mentor will demonstrate how to:

- ▶ Search for classes in registration
- ▶ Add a class to the Shopping Cart
- ▶ Validate the Shopping Cart
- ▶ Clear the Financial Responsibility Agreement



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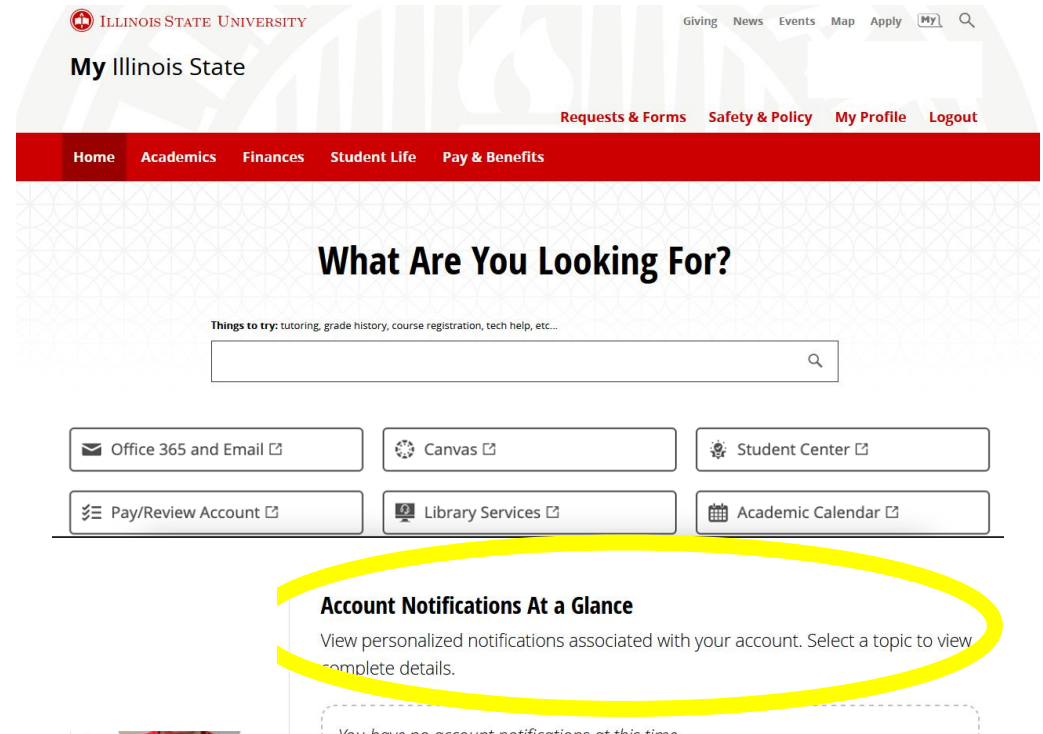
Shopping Cart

- ▶ Add classes to your cart
- ▶ **Validate early; don't wait until Sunday night**
- ▶ Registration = Check out



What you can do NOW:

- ▶ **Holds and To Do items**
- Financial Responsibility Agreement
- Student Accounts
- ▶ **Review registration instructions**
- ▶ **Plan your schedule**
- ▶ **Shopping Cart**



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Registration Assistance

- ▶ [Honors Program website](#)
- ▶ Resources from the University Registrar
- ▶ Honors Advisors via email



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Registration Information

Registration for Spring 2027 will open for Honors students at 8:30 am on Monday, October 12.

Per university policy, your registration date/time for winter session is based on earned credit hours and will be posted in My Illinois State on October 1.

Helpful Registration Instructions

- [Schedule Builder video](#) ↗
- [Schedule Builder instructions](#) ↗
- [Shopping cart option: video](#) ↗
- [How to register: step by step, visual instructions](#) ↗
- [How to register: video](#) ↗
- [Summary of Student Center Holds and To-Do List Reminders](#) ↗

Special Registration Features

- [Waitlist general instructions](#) ↗
- [Waitlist tips and additional information](#) ↗
- [Drop a class: video](#) ↗
- [Swap a class: video](#) ↗

Registration Assistance

▶ **Honors Advisors can:**

- Give permission to take more than 18 hours.
- Help determine why you are having trouble enrolling in a class.

▶ **Honors Advisors cannot:**

- Get you in a class that is full.
- Get you in a class for which you do not meet the pre-requisites.



Announcements for Next Week

- ▶ Read the pre-class reading and post your pre-class assignment
- ▶ Instructor and Peer Mentor: Interdisciplinary Learning
- ▶ The next group will lead an activity on Interdisciplinary Learning

