

HNRS 4000—Honors Senior Seminar
.001 Mondays 3:00pm-3:50pm, HPR 00248

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HNRS 4000 is a zero-credit course that is required for participation in the Honors Program. This course is designed to allow students to get the most out of their experience in the Honors Program during their time at UT Tyler. HNRS 4000 will focus on content related to academic research and completion of the senior project. Additionally, students will be required to attend all Honors Colloquium events during the semester in which they are enrolled in the class. This course is designed to be taken twice and in sequence, beginning in the fall semester.

Student Learning Outcomes

- Students will complete an Honors Senior Project
- Students will present at the Lyceum in the spring semester
- Students will attend Honors colloquium events
 - Students will review preparatory material for all colloquium events
 - Students will participate in a seminar-style discussion about the topics and issues covered in colloquium events

Course Materials

All readings and materials will be posted on Canvas or handed out in class. Students are expected to keep track of and have course material readily accessible, including any materials on Canvas.

Evaluation

Students will receive a grade of either “CR” (credit) or “NC” (no credit) for this course. Please keep in mind, as a zero credit course, no credit hours are earned. In order to receive the grade of CR for this course, students cannot miss more than two class meetings and must make up any work for absences within 7 days of missing the class. Additionally, students must earn a satisfactory evaluation on the following assignments:

- Colloquium Attendance
- Seminar Readings
- Canvas Participation

Students will earn a satisfactory evaluation by preparing and fully participating in the aforementioned assignments. Students who do not earn a grade of CR in an Honors Seminar will lose good standing in the Honors Program.

Colloquium Attendance

"Colloquium" is Latin for dialogue or conversation. The Honors Colloquium is an opportunity for students to meet and talk with local, regional, and national leaders and scholars about topics that relate to the semester's courses. The Honors Colloquium series may also include museum trips, service projects, productions, and other leadership and learning activities. **Students are expected to attend the four scheduled colloquia each semester.** The dates for these events are listed below in **bold type**.

If a student must miss a colloquium event for any reason, that student must propose and attend a make-up event on the UT Tyler campus. Make-up events must be approved by the Honors Director

(Paul) or Coordinator (Laura Grace), and students may be required submit a 500 word essay summarizing the event. Details about the make-up form and essay requirement can be found on the Honors Program Colloquium webpage.

Seminar Reading and Participation

Each member of the class shares the responsibility for creating a positive and stimulating learning environment. Preparation, participation, and respect for the ideas of others will allow for in-depth exploration of complex issues and examination of multiple perspectives. Your thoughtful comments, questions, and insights are needed to enhance the learning for all students and thus contribute to a creative and constructive experience. Prompt attendance at all class sessions is required. Tardiness, late work, and/or lack of engagement will negatively impact your grade. Students who miss class must make up the work by following instructions found in the corresponding module. **This work is due on Canvas within 7 days of the missed class.**

Schedule: The list below contains the topics for the 5 course meetings of the semester, as well as the 4 colloquia, which are listed in **bold type**.

Jan. 10 – Welcome back! Syllabus, Seminar, and Spring Colloquia

Jan. 31- Prep for Colloquium 1
Please read the article posted on Canvas

February 3- Colloquium 1- Dr. Court Carney, Bypassing Rock Hill: The Promised Land in Myth, Memory, and Music (6:00pm, UC Theater)

Feb. 21- Prep for Colloquium 2
Please read the article posted on Canvas

February 24 - Colloquium 2- *The Black Power Mixtape* film screening, EDEN Film Series (6:00pm, UC Theater)

March 28- Prep for Colloquium 3
Please check Canvas for assignment

TBD- Planetarium at TJC, hosted by LOGOS

April 4- Preparation for Lyceum
Please check Canvas for assignment

April 22- Seventh Annual Lyceum