

Smittcamp Family Honors College

COURSES

Honors (HONOR)

HONOR 1. Honors Colloquium (1; max total 6)

Open to students in the honors program only. Colloquium for students in the Smittcamp Family Honors College. Overview of the university. Presentation and discussion of current topics. Special presentations by faculty, campus guests, and senior honors project students.

The Smittcamp Family Honors College was originally funded with a \$1 million gift from Earl and Muriel Smittcamp and family. Earl Smittcamp, a prominent agribusiness leader, graduated from California State University, Fresno in 1939. Earl and Muriel, also a Fresno State graduate, have four children — all alumni of Fresno State — and 14 grandchildren. Earl Smittcamp and his family demonstrate the leadership excellence, innovative thinking, and personal daring honors graduates strive to achieve. The Smittcamps exemplify their belief that education is really dependent upon what an individual makes of it and that “excellence” is never accepting less than the best from yourself. The Honors College owes its existence to their generous support.

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HONOR 101. Emerging Voices after Colonialism: Revolution in Theory, Revolution in Practice (4 units)

Open to students in the honors program only. Explores the field of postcolonial studies. Critically analyzes the dialectic between Western imperialism and resistance to colonialism in Africa, Asia, and the Caribbean. Readings will include primary sources, essays of criticism and theory, and literature from formerly colonized nations.*

HONOR 102. Revolutions in Natural and Social Sciences (4 units)

Open to students in the honors program only. Examines fundamental changes in natural and social sciences. Focuses on major shifts of theory and methodology in the natural sciences and addresses comparable changes in the social sciences. Compares these “revolutions” and looks at their implications for the science as a whole.*

HONOR 103. Ecological Social Effects (4 units)

Open to students in the honors program only. Explores the interactions of human affairs with their environments through the integration of the natural and social sciences. Examines issues affected by the intrinsic relationships between humans, the environments they evolved in, and their relationships with the modern world.*

HONOR 180. Special Projects in Honors (1-3; max total 9)

Open to students in the honors program only. Individual projects in the Smittcamp Family Honors College. Projects related to Honors College courses; for example, internships, research papers, community service projects, new classroom approaches, and learning communities.

Other Honors Courses

ARMS 20H. Arts of Armenia (3 units)

Open to students in the honors program only. Introduces Armenian architecture, painting, sculpture, ceramics, metal work and textiles. G.E. Breadth C1.

BIOL 10H. Life Science (3 units)

Open to students in the honors program only. Not open to students with credit BIOL 1A. Shows how living things work and why they work that way. Discusses biology from chemical and physical foundations through ecological and evolutionary processes. Examines biology and its relationship to human affairs. (2 lecture, 2 lab hours) G.E. Breadth Area B2.

CFS 38H. Honors Life Span Development (3 units)

Open to students in the honors program only. Basic theories, research, and principles of physical, cognitive, and psychological development from conception to death presented from the perspective of diverse families. Emphasizes reading original theoretical and empirical works by prominent developmentalists and requires a student-conducted research project. G.E. Breadth E1.

CHEM 10H. Chemistry and Society (4 units)

Open to students in the honors program only. Prerequisite: G.E. Foundation B4. Not open to students with credit in college chemistry; for non-science majors. Discusses significance of chemical principles in contemporary society; benefits and hazards relative to areas such as energy, health, diet, environment and agriculture. (3 lecture, 3 lab hours) G.E. Breadth B1.

COMM 6H. Rhetoric for Autonomy and Collaboration in the Marketplace of Ideas (3 units)

Open to students in the honors program only. Explores invitational rhetoric and its civic function in contemporary public discourse; experiences designed to enhance fundamental communication skills — research, organization, reasoning, empathic listening and problem-solving — through series of oral presentations. G.E. Foundation A1.

DRAMA 75H. Theatre in Contemporary American Culture (3 units)

Open to students in the honors program only. Introduction to the practice and scholarship of American theatre today. Application of critical methodology for four areas of theatrical production (1) theatre architecture, (2) acting, (3) directing, and (4) design. Attendance at two to three theatre performances is required. G.E. Breadth C1.

ENGL 10H. Honors Accelerated Academic Literacy (3 units)

Open to students in the honors college only. Reading and writing in academic and public genres; special attention to rhetorical decision-making and critical analysis. Guided instruction in reading and responding to texts. Participation in public and academic conversations via research in primary and

* For honors students, HONOR 101, 102, and 103 fulfill G.E. areas IB, IC, ID, and M/I. See honors adviser for prerequisites.