

# Honors Program Degree Requirements

A minimum of 21 credit hours is needed to complete the degree requirements of the Honors Program. Students in the Honors Program do not ordinarily take ‘extra’ courses,” as lower-level Honors courses are used in partial fulfillment of Foundations requirements; upper-division course requirements typically count toward the major.

Lower-division Honors coursework requirements include satisfactory completion of:

- Two 3-credit-hour Honors core courses chosen from
  - HON 201 H – Perennial Questions and Their Modern Manifestations (Foundations F4a)** (counts as Humanities Foundations)
  - HON 203 H – Institutions, Society, and the Self (Foundations F4c)** (counts as Natural Science Foundations)
  - HON 205 H – Scientific Approaches to Contemporary Challenges** (counts as Social and Behavioral Science Foundations)
- Three additional 3-credit-hour Honors courses. These may include any honors-designated sections of Foundations courses, HON 250 H or HON 251 H, or any HON 250 H cross-listed course. Students may elect to honorize upper-division courses, with the approval of the instructor in conjunction with the Honors director.

Upper-division coursework includes the satisfactory completion of HON 300 H and two Honors Thesis courses (HON 450 H and HON 451 H). Departments will determine whether HON 450 H or HON 451 H may satisfy upper-level course requirements within the major.

The Honors Thesis, spread over two semesters, may take many forms: a traditional research paper on a particular topic, an in-depth study of specific texts, empirical research, practical application, or a creative/performative effort. Students must perform satisfactorily in defense of the Thesis, which is normally scheduled during the next-to-last semester of their residence at Berry College.

The Honors faculty includes instructors from all schools of the college. In addition to the Honors Program Committee and the director of the program, instructors teaching the Honors colloquia, seminars, and Honors-designated upper-division classes and directing Honors senior theses are members of the Honors faculty.