



HNRS-050 Honors Course Supplement Guide

Honors Course Supplements add an Honors component to a regular 300 or 400 level course. Supplements allow students to receive Honors credit for a non-honors course by adding a special component to create their own Honors section. Supplements do not change the credit value of the course.

AU Honors colloquia have two main characteristics. The first is that they are courses in which a student is expected to “display a substantive grasp of a topic that advances our understanding of that topic.” The second characteristic of an AU Honors colloquium is that it fall “between” traditional disciplinary concerns and orientations, and tackle a topic in a way that doesn’t fall completely inside of any one particular scholarly approach. The supplemental activities that allow a course to count towards the colloquium requirement should reflect these two characteristics, allowing a student both to dive deeper into a subject and to look more broadly at the subject from different angles.

How to Register for an Honors Course Supplement

Once you have registered for a regular 300 or 400 level course, you must complete the Honors Supplement Qualtrics survey (https://american.col.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e51uqBuqFjpkHn8). For students who would like to complete a supplement abroad, you must find an AU professor on campus to supervise and grade your abroad supplement project. For all supplements, please talk to your course professor *before* registering for an Honors supplement. After you fill out the Qualtrics form, the Honors scheduler will build an HNRS-050 section for you. The Registrar will then enroll you in the correct section of HNRS-050 (zero credits). Please only fill out the Qualtrics form once for each supplement! You must include on the Qualtrics form:

1. A **Supplement Proposal**, including the following:
 - a. A description of the additional work that will be done to make the course become an Honors course (readings, papers, etc.),
 - b. Work submission deadlines of when the additional work will be due

* For students registered for a cross-listed 300/600 or 400/600 level course you may submit a copy of your course syllabus instead of the typed supplement proposal.

***Please note that undergraduate students may NOT register for 600-level classes, but Honors students who wish to receive Honors credit for a 600-level course can do so by registering for the 300- or 400-level component of the course. Then, with the permission of the professor, Honors students complete the assignments and are evaluated by the professor on the same basis as the graduate students. You must fill out the appropriate 300- or 400-level course supplement form and attach the 600-level syllabus.*

Please fill out the Honors supplement form no later than:

- 09/06/2022 (Fall 2022 semester)
- 01/24/2023 (Spring 2023 semester)

You can also contact the Honors office if you have any questions about registering: honors@american.edu (202) 885-6194.



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Examples of Honors supplements:

- An additional research paper, or a paper in a course that does not require a paper
- An expanded paper assignment with emphasis on a higher level of analysis, not necessarily length, in lieu of a regular paper assignment (i.e., using more original sources or advanced readings)
- Advanced or additional problem sets
- Design an EdSpace or website resource
- A class presentation or lead a lecture
- Design and run a class lab
- In-depth class readings with summaries and reviews
- Compilation of original artwork for a portfolio
- Translation of a short story with analysis in the foreign language
- Students enrolled in 400/600 courses have the option of completing the graduate requirements to earn Honors credit. Honors students will complete some or all parts of the graduate student syllabus. You may use a dual enrollment graduate course for one of your Colloquia requirements (not both).
- An opinion piece (may be published or unpublished)
- Apply knowledge from major area by advising an AU student group on improving operations and functions
- A conference proposal submission

Examples of Honors supplements abroad:

- Expanded research that involves extensive interviews with primary sources on-site.
- Expanded research that involves written material in the native language that is not readily available in the United States.
- Exploration of texts and material not readily available in the United States.
- Visits to and written analysis of additional museums, historical centers, and/or galleries.
- Intensive translation of texts and material pertinent to the locale.