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Notes for advisors of Honors students:

All Honors College students have priority registration on Tuesday, March 24, the Tuesday after Spring Break. This means they need to be advised prior to that day.

- Each student should have at least one Honors course. Honors courses are available by permit only. The list of courses is on the Honors website under Courses [found here](#). Students should email Honors@wpunj.edu with their permit requests (and their 855) as soon as possible.

Reviewing student schedules

- Students who will be sophomores in the Fall need one Honors UCC. If they wish, they may have additional Honors courses.
- Students who will be juniors in the Fall need one Honors track course.
- Students who will be seniors in the Fall should be in an Honors thesis course (or Honors Business practicum; Biology independent study; etc.)

FAQ

What Honors course should my first-year Honors students choose?

If the student still needs a UCC, and there is an Honors UCC for that area, then the student should request a permit for that course.

- If the student needs or wants an Honors course open to all Honors students, they may choose that course instead of an Honors UCC.

All of the UCCs my Honors student needs conflict with the courses that the student needs for their major. What should the student do?

- If the student wants or needs ANY Honors course, then they should take that course.
- If the student will be a sophomore or junior, they should join an Honors track and take an Honors track course.
- Students are allowed a one-semester waiver. The waiver request form can be found on the Honors webpage (www.wpunj.edu/honors) under Resources/forms. It is also linked here [Honors course waiver request](#)
- If the student has already had a one-semester waiver, then the student should make an appointment to speak with Dean Andrew.

What Honors course should my second year/transfer student take?

- Students who are completing their second year or who came into WP as sophomores should choose an Honors track.
- The list of tracks is on the Honors webpage under Tracks. It is also linked [here](#).
- Most tracks are interdisciplinary and can accommodate students from multiple majors. The Nursing Honors track accepts only Nursing majors. The Business Honors track accepts majors and minors.
- Nursing track students may wait to apply to the Nursing track until their Spring semester grades are finalized. All other students and Nursing majors who want a track other than

Nursing Honors should apply to their track now and choose a track course for Fall.

My Honors second year/transfer student is ready to apply to their Honors track. What do they do?

- The student clicks on the Honors application in WConnect. The software recognizes the student as already a member of the Honors College and takes them directly to the track application.
- Honors recommends that students also send a short email to the track director. It could say something like: "Hi Dr. Andrew, My name is Barbara and I'm interested in the Humanities Track. Should I meet with you before applying?"
- Students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher to apply. If the student doesn't have a high enough GPA, then they should make an appointment with Jan Pinkston (PinkstonJ@wpunj.edu) or Dean Andrew (AndrewB@wpunj.edu) to discuss their situation.

My Honors sophomore/transfer doesn't know which Honors track they want to choose. How can I help them?

- Students can find out more about the Honors tracks [here](#). Click on the name of the track to expand the description.
- The tracks and the order in which to take the track courses are explained more fully in the [Honors College Student Handbook](#).
- Tell the student to email Honors@wpunj.edu to find out when they can meet with other students to learn more about the tracks or just **drop by the Honors office**.

Any Honors student with junior or senior status should apply to an Honors track if they haven't already done so.

My student is "out of sync" with their chosen track (they are ready for the courses in a semester that the courses are not held). What course should they take?

- If the student is already in an Honors track, they should email the track director for advice and/or make an appointment with the track director.
- If the student is not in a track or cannot reach the track director, the student should make an appointment with Dean Andrew or with Jan Pinkston.

Questions?

Email Honors@wpunj.edu

Technical questions about the track application? Send those to Honors@wpunj.edu too!

If you (the advisor) have questions, please email AndrewB@wpunj.edu or PinkstonJ@wpunj.edu or message Barbara on Teams.

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