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Curriculum Proposal Cover Sheet - University-Wide Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

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Check all appropriate lines and complete information as requested. Use a separate cover sheet for each course proposal and for each program proposal.

1. Course Proposals (check all that apply)

☐ New Course
 ☐ Course Prefix Change
 ☐ Course Deletion
☐ Course Revision
 ☐ Course Number and/or Title Change
 ☐ Catalog Description Change

Current Course prefix, number and full title

Proposed course prefix, number and full title, if changing

2. Additional Course Designations: check if appropriate

☐ This course is also proposed as a Liberal Studies Course.
 ☐ Other: (e.g., Women's Studies, Pan-African)
☐ This course is also proposed as an Honors College Course.

3. Program Proposals

☐ New Degree Program
 ☐ Program Title Change
 ☐ Program Revision
☐ New Minor Program
 ☒ New Track

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Honors Tracks

Current program name

Proposed program name, if changing

4. Approvals

Date

Department Curriculum Committee Chair(s)		
Department Chair(s)	<i>[Signature]</i> Dean's Associate, CHSS	6/10/03
College Curriculum Committee Chair	<i>[Signature]</i>	6/10/03
College Dean	<i>[Signature]</i>	6/10/05
Director of Liberal Studies *		
Director of Honors College *		
Provost *		
Additional signatures as appropriate: (include title)		
UWUCC Co-Chairs	<i>Gail Sechrist</i>	2-24-04

* where applicable

At the 3/19/03 College Chairs meeting, approval was granted for this proposal that establishes departmental Honors tracks given that resources be provided to support a minimum of 18 credits/semester.

II. Description of Curriculum Change

1. Catalogue Description:

Departmental Honors Tracks in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences enable eligible students to participate in advanced study in their disciplines. These tracks are particularly encouraged for students who intend to seek admission to graduate or professional schools.

Honors coursework is recorded on university transcripts and students completing the Departmental Honors Tracks will be recognized at departmental commencement ceremonies. For detailed guidance in Departmental Honors Tracks, students should consult the description in their major department and meet with their advisors.

2. Rationale and Detailed Description:

The College of Humanities and Social Sciences has developed Honors Tracks for outstanding students in the College as well as Robert E. Cook Honors College students. Working with Chairs over the last two years, the College has been able to develop a consistent and coherent model for Honors Tracks that can be integrated into existing major requirements. Variations exist among these Tracks because individual departments have self-consciously crafted their Honors Tracks to build upon the specialized needs and differences of their disciplines, while taking into account resource implications for their departments. In the current climate of limited resources, the College believes that this level of flexibility and freedom in designing Departmental Honors Tracks is the most effective approach.

All CHSS Honors Tracks being proposed here are twelve hours. In addition to pre-existing prerequisites, all H-designated courses within a department will have the following additional prerequisites: Admission to a Departmental Honors Track, HNRC 201, or permission of the instructor.

While all departments maintained the College guidelines of twelve hours, some departments chose to include 3 credits of non-H-designated work in their Tracks. In these cases, there is a brief, italicized justification for this choice following the outline of the department Honors Track. Courses that do not carry the H-designation do not meet the Honors requirement for R. E. Cook College students.

Anthropology

Open by departmental permission to declared Anthropology majors with at least a 3.25 GPA in total university coursework and a 3.25 GPA in Anthropology courses. Students complete ANTH 483 Honors Thesis; CHSS 489 Honors Colloquium (a multi-disciplinary colloquium emphasizing problem-solving, discussion, reading and writing on a topic or theme); and HNRC 499 Honors Senior Synthesis, which fulfills the Liberal Studies Synthesis requirement. To determine how Honors Track courses will be integrated into existing requirements for the Anthropology major, students should consult their advisors.

In properly documented cases, petition for the Departmental Honors Track may be granted to students who do not carry the H-designation in all applicable courses for their discipline.

To apply, students must petition the Department Honors Committee for admission no earlier than the completion of the sophomore year. An application must be filed with the Chair of Anthropology and should include an application form, a letter of intent, a description of the work plan, a full transcript, and two letters of recommendation from faculty.

Anthropology Honors Track

12cr

Prerequisites: Declared major in Anthropology, completion of 60 credits, and permission of Department Honors Committee, Academic Advisor, and Department Chair.

ANTH 483/H/	Honors Thesis in Anthropology	6cr
CHSS 489/H/	Honors Colloquium	3cr
HNRC 499	Honors Senior Synthesis	*cr (1)

(1) Credits for HNRC 499 are counted in the Liberal Studies Synthesis requirement.

Economics

Open by departmental permission to Economics, Economics/Mathematics, and Economics/Pre-Law majors with at least a 3.25 GPA in total university coursework and a 3.25 GPA in Economics courses. Students complete ECON 355 Statistics for Economics, ECON 356 Introduction to Econometrics, ECON 483 Honors Thesis in Economics, and HNRC 499 Honors Senior Synthesis, which fulfills the Liberal Studies Synthesis requirement. Students must earn at least a C in each course completed for the track. To determine how Honors Track courses will be integrated into existing requirements for the Economics, Economics/Mathematics, or Economics/Pre-Law major, students should consult their advisors.

To apply, an application should be filed with the Chair of Economics.

Economics Honors Track

12cr

ECON 356/H/	Introduction to Econometrics	3cr
ECON 483/H/	Honors Thesis in Economics	3cr
HNRC 499	Honors Senior Synthesis	*cr (1)
-and-		
ECON 355	Statistics for Economics	3cr

(1) Credits for HNRC 499 are counted in the Liberal Studies Synthesis requirement.

[Since ECON 356/H is considered to be the preliminary or exploratory phase of the student's thesis, the department decided to limit the credits associated with the thesis itself to 3 credits.]

English

Open by departmental permission to declared English majors with at least a 3.25 in total university coursework and a 3.5 GPA in English courses. To determine how Honors Track courses will be integrated into existing requirements for the English major, students should consult their advisors or a member of the English Honors Track Program Committee (HTP).

To apply, students must submit a letter of application, a list of English courses taken (with instructors' names), and a portfolio demonstrating high quality work in English courses, to the HTP. To be accepted, students must receive favorable evaluations from a majority of professors of courses taken, and portfolio approval by the HTP Committee.

Students complete ENGL 480/H/ Distinction in English Seminar, HNRC 499 Honors Senior Synthesis, which fulfills the Liberal Studies Synthesis requirement, and 6 credits in any combination of the following: ENGL 483 Honors Thesis (0-6 cr) and 0-6 credits of H-designated major courses, 3 credits of which must be upper-level. Students must earn at least a B in each course completed for the Honors Track.

English Honors Track

12cr

Prerequisites: Declared major in English, completion of ENGL 101, 122, and 202; 15 credits in the major, including at least two survey courses; and permission of English Honors Track Program Committee.

ENGL 480/H/	Distinction in English Seminar	3cr
HNRC 499	Honors Senior Synthesis	*cr (1)
6 credit hours in any combination of these options:		
ENGL 483/H/	Honors Thesis in English	0-6cr
	Any H-designated English Course *	0-6cr (2)

(1) Credits for HNRC 499 are counted in the Liberal Studies Synthesis requirement.

(2) If 6cr of H-designated coursework is the option chosen, then one of those H-designated courses must be 300- or 400-level.

French

Open by departmental permission to French majors with at least a 3.25 GPA in total university coursework and a 3.25 GPA in French courses. To apply, students must have at least 57 credits earned, and must submit two letters of reference from French faculty members, and a two-page self-statement describing the student's academic and career goals.

Students complete FRNC 483/H Honors Thesis in French; one course from FRNC 301 or above; CHSS 489 Honors Colloquium (a multi-disciplinary colloquium emphasizing problem-solving, discussion, reading and writing on a topic or theme); and HNRC 499 Honors Senior Synthesis, which fulfills the Liberal Studies Synthesis requirement. Students must earn at least a B in each course completed for the Honors Track.

To determine how Honors Track courses will be integrated into existing requirements for the French majors, students should consult their advisors.

French Honors Track

12cr

Prerequisites: Declared major in French, completion of at least 57 credits, and permission of Department Honors Committee.

CHSS 489/H/	Honors Colloquium	3cr
FRNC 483/H/	Honors Thesis in French	3cr

HNRC 499	Honors Senior Synthesis	*cr
	-and-	
FRNC XXX	One additional literature elective from FRNC 301 and above	3cr

(1) Credits for HNRC 499 are counted in the Liberal Studies Synthesis requirement.

[Since a familiarity with at least one genre of literature is considered to be an important prerequisite of the thesis in French, the department decided to require a French literature course. Enrollment limitations make it difficult to identify any one French literature course for Honors designation.]

Philosophy

Open by departmental invitation to Philosophy and Philosophy/Pre-Law majors with at least a 3.25 GPA in total university coursework and a 3.5 GPA in Philosophy courses. Students complete PHIL 480/H Honors Seminar in Philosophy, PHIL 483 Honors Thesis in Philosophy, and HNRC 499 Honors Senior Synthesis, which fulfills the Liberal Studies Synthesis requirement. To determine how Honors Track courses will be integrated into existing requirements for the Philosophy or Philosophy Pre-Law major, students should consult their advisors.

Any student satisfying the GPA requirement at the end of their third semester at IUP will be automatically advised of the requirements of the Honors track and invited to participate.

Philosophy Honors Track 12cr

HNRC 499	Honors Senior Synthesis	*cr (1)
PHIL 480/H/	Honors Seminar in Philosophy	3cr
PHIL 483/H/	Honors Thesis in Philosophy	6cr

(1) Credits for HNRC 499 are counted in the Liberal Studies Synthesis requirement.

Religious Studies

Open by departmental invitation to Religious Studies majors with at least a 3.25 GPA in total university coursework and a 3.5 GPA in Religious Studies courses. Students complete RLST 480 Seminar in Religious Studies, RLST 483 Honors Thesis, RLST 493 Internship, and HNRC 499 Honors Senior Synthesis, which fulfills the Liberal Studies Synthesis requirement. To determine how Honors Track courses will be integrated into existing requirements for the Religious Studies major, students should consult their advisors.

Religious Studies Honors Track 12cr

HNRC 499	Honors Senior Synthesis	*cr
RLST 480/H/	Seminar in Religious Studies	3cr
RLST 483/H/	Honors Thesis in Religious Studies	3cr
	-and-	
RLST 493	Internship in Religious Studies	3cr

(1) Credits for HNRC 499 are counted in the Liberal Studies Synthesis requirement.

Sociology

Open by departmental permission to declared Sociology majors with at least a 3.25 GPA in total university coursework and a 3.5 GPA in Sociology courses.

Students complete CHSS 489 Honors Colloquium (a multi-disciplinary colloquium emphasizing problem-solving, discussion, reading and writing on a topic or theme); SOC 483 Honors Thesis; and HNRC 499 Honors Senior Synthesis, which fulfills the Liberal Studies Synthesis requirement. Students must earn at least a C in each course completed for the track. To determine how Honors Track courses will be integrated into existing requirements for the Sociology major, students should consult their advisors.

Students may be invited to apply or may nominate themselves. In either case, to be considered for the Sociology Honors track, students must have earned 15 credit hours in Sociology, including SOC 320. Sociology majors who have met the eligibility criteria must submit an application to the Chair of Sociology after they have earned at least 56 credits.

Sociology Honors Track **12cr**

Prerequisites: Declared major in Sociology and completion of 56 credits, SOC 320, and 12 additional credit hours in Sociology.

CHSS 489/H/	Honors Colloquium	3cr
HNRC 499	Honors Senior Synthesis	*cr (1)
SOC 483/H/	Honors Thesis in Sociology	6cr

(1) Credits for HNRC 499 are counted in the Liberal Studies Synthesis requirement.

Spanish

Open by departmental permission to Spanish and Secondary Spanish Education majors with at least a 3.25 GPA in total university coursework and a 3.25 GPA in Spanish courses.

To apply, students must submit two letters of reference from Spanish Department faculty members and a two-page self-statement describing the student's academic and career goals.

Students complete two semesters of SPAN 483/H Honors Thesis in Spanish; CHSS 489 Honors Colloquium (a multi-disciplinary colloquium emphasizing problem-solving, discussion, reading and writing on a topic or theme); and one course from SPAN 410-431. Students must earn at least a B in each course completed for the track. To determine how Honors Track courses will be integrated into existing requirements for the Spanish or Secondary Spanish Education major, students should consult their advisors.

Spanish Honors Track **12cr**

CHSS 489/H/	Honors Colloquium	3cr
SPAN 483/H/	Honors Thesis in Spanish	6cr
	-and-	
SPAN 410-431	One course in Spanish Literature	3cr

[The department felt it important that all courses in its Honors Track be conducted in Spanish. For this reason, the department chose not to include HNRC 499 in the Spanish Track.]

III. Implementation

1. How will the proposed new tracks affect students already in the existing program?

The introduction of the Honors tracks will have no impact on existing students who are in the latter stages of their studies at IUP, as in all probability they will not be able to complete the requirements for Honors without extending the duration of their studies. Should students who have attained junior or senior standing elect to pursue this option when the Honors Track is implemented, they would be welcome to apply for acceptance, but would be cautioned that the requirements might necessitate additional semesters of undergraduate study. Course substitutions may also be approved by departments to allow students to complete the Honors Tracks.

These tracks will have no negative impact on freshmen or sophomores. They will be eligible to participate in the Honors Tracks provided they meet the acceptance criteria.

2. Are faculty resources adequate?

The Provost has allocated a 1.5 FTE to support College Honors courses. The approval of the CHSS Chairpersons in March 2003 was conditioned upon this baseline level of funding from the Provost.

3. Are other resources adequate?

Based on a modest estimate of 30 Honors students per year in all departments in the College, we estimate that funding to support Honors Theses and Honors Independent Studies will need to increase by 40% over present levels to provide courses necessary to complete Departmental Honors Tracks. Additionally, the College must be able to manage these resources by rolling over unused funds to support student project as needed.

Since this program incorporates Honors Synthesis sections, the College will provide incentive money for interested faculty to revise their LBST 499 courses to HNRC 499 courses.

Departments will work closely with their library liaisons to meet special needs of the program. In addition, resources may be needed for travel to professional conferences, internship experiences, and study abroad.

4. Do you expect an increase or decrease in the number of students as a result of these revisions?

We do not expect increases in departmental enrollments as a result of the implementation of the Honors Tracks. We do anticipate, however, that these Tracks will help to recruit academically talented applicants who otherwise might not seriously consider attending IUP.

5. Intended implementation date (semester and year).

Fall 2004.

IV. Periodic Assessment

Assessment of departmental Honors tracks will be conducted as part of each department's Five Year Program Review. Should the enrollment situation change, these Tracks can be revised as needed after the Five Year Program Review.

V. Course Proposals

1. CHSS 489 Honors Colloquium
2. RLST 480 Seminar in Religious Studies

VI. Letters of Support or Acknowledgement

Janet Goebel, Director, Robert E. Cook Honors College
Provost Mark Staszkiwicz