

Orientation Checklist for First-Year Honors Students

- ☐ **Register for Honors 1210, First-Year Honors Seminar, 1 credit, Satisfactory-Fail.** This seminar about Iowa State and the Honors Program is an integral part of the First-Year Honors Program. We offer 36 sessions during 12 different time slots through the week.
- ☐ **Register for English 2500H for the fall semester.** Unless your *official* university records show credit for English 2500, please make sure to register for a section of English 2500H. There is no test out available for English 2500H for First-Year Honors Students. **If you are bringing college credit that does not yet show up on your records, you still must register for English 2500H.** The Honors Program staff can drop English 2500H from your schedule later in the summer if appropriate.
Students who have credit for English 2500 will enroll in either an Honors course or an Honors Seminar. A list of seminars is available at <https://www.honors.iastate.edu/honors-seminars>
- ☐ **Register for Library 1600-01, 1 credit, Satisfactory-Fail.** Unless your official university records show credit for Library 1600, please make sure to register for section 1 of Lib 1600. The time should be listed as “arranged.”
- ☐ **Consider registering for other Honors courses or Honors seminars.** Refer to the course/seminar section on <https://www.honors.iastate.edu/>. Many of these classes are small (20-25 students) to provide a teacher-student ratio that encourages discussion and experiential learning. Honors sections are not harder than other sections, but they often are more in-depth or hands-on. These courses may be chosen as electives or, in most cases, to fulfill requirements for your curriculum. You may also take discussion-based Honors seminars (generally limited to 17 students per class), which are offered each semester on a variety of topics and subjects.
- ☐ **Read *Designing Your Life* by Bill Burnett and Dave Evans.** Over the summer all FHP students will read *Designing Your Life* for this year’s common reading program. Students can get it on loan from libraries nationwide or purchase the book through bookstores to read over the summer; the book will also be accessible to FHP students through the Immediate Access ONE program on Canvas on the first day of the fall semester.