



First-Year Honors Program

New Student Orientation
Summer 2023

Welcome to the Honors Program!

- Honors is a wonderful way to personalize your Iowa State education.
- Congratulations on joining the Iowa State Honors family!



Who's Who in Honors

- Laurie Smith Law
- Emily Wilcox
- Leisha Estep
- Dr. Svitlana Zbarska
- Dr. John Milstead
- Molly Helmers
- Suzanne Wirth
- Undergraduate Assistants
Jared, Nic, and Laura



Who are Honors students?



FHP is a community of 450 first-year students from every college at Iowa State

How is Honors different from the rest of the university?

- “Honors experience”: smaller classes, research and leadership opportunities, study abroad service trips
- MORE work vs. DIFFERENT work
- Honors components + your program of study
- Facilities! Community! Experiences!
- Honors expectations



What is the First-Year Honors Program (FHP)?

- Community of 450 First-Year students
- Goals and objectives:
 - ☐ Academic
 - ☐ Social
 - ☐ Personal
- Designed to assist in your transition to ISU
- Separate from University Honors Program



FHP at a glance:

- 3 linked courses in the fall semester
 - Honors 121
 - English 250H
 - Library 160
- First-Year Mentor Program in the spring semester



Honors 121

- 12-13 students per class
- 1 credit seminar class, meets twice a week, pass/fail basis
- Led by 2 upper division Honors students
- Each section has its own theme
- Common Reading Program: get *The Alchemist* from your local library or bookstore



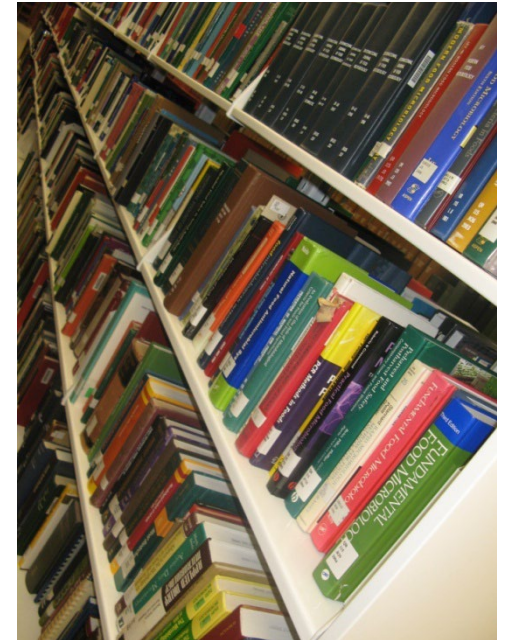


English 250H

- WOVE curriculum: written, oral, visual, and electronic composition
- Humanities based, critical thinking
- Common English 250H credit questions:
 - Have AP credit? Your AP credit will only cover English 150 (or in some cases will cover a literature elective), so it cannot be used for English 250H
 - If you have college-level credit for English 150/250, please tell Suzanne – you also must enroll in a different Honors course or seminar for the fall semester
 - You CANNOT test out of English 250H

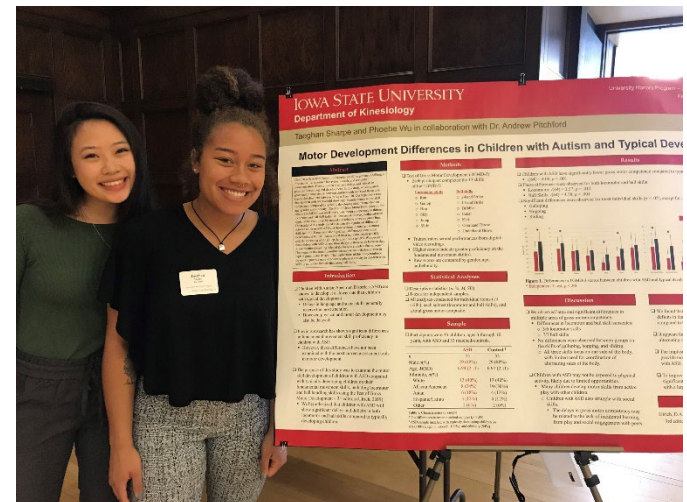
Library 160

- Introduction to Parks Library's resources
- Required for all first-year students
- 1 credit, graded pass/fail
- Paired with the Honors 121 seminar
 - You must register for LIB 160, Section 1
 - If you are bringing in credit, please let Honors know



First-Year Mentor Program

- Spring semester research opportunity
- Partnership with a faculty member
- Variety of interests and subjects from fashion design to nanoparticles
- Explore your major or something else you're interested in
- Work in a team or on an individual project



Other Honors Courses

- Often limited to 25 students
- Hands-on, in-depth classroom environment
- Chance to enhance your education
- Engineering students: ask your advisor!



Honors Seminars

- Usually limited to 17 students
- Seminars still open for this fall include:
 - Star Trek and A.I. Ethics
 - Is That Legal? An Introduction to U.S. Law
 - The Undead in Contemporary Society
 - Entrepreneurship
- Check the Honors website for a full list of Fall '23 seminars



Other Opportunities and Benefits

- 24-hour access to the Jischke Honors Building
- Next spring, early course registration
- Increased credit limit (21+ credits)
- Library privileges
- Honors Salons, professional development activities
- International experiences: service learning in Belize
- Graduate-level courses
- Honors Student Board



Honors Housing

Honors houses:

- Barton Hall, Anders House
- Lyon Hall, Harwood House
- Martin Hall, Starbuck House

Honors clusters:

- Friley Hall, Lorch-Russell House
- Geoffroy Hall, Day and Ebbers Houses



***Check with Suzanne to be put on the waitlist*

A Year in the Life of FHP



August '23

September '23

- Mid-August: formal sorority recruitment, Destination Iowa State, move-in to residence halls
- 20: FHP Kickoff Picnic
- 21: Fall Classes begin
- First week: course schedule changes
- 30: HSB Ice Cream Social

- 1: Honors course contracts due
- 4: Labor Day Holiday
- 15: FHP Retreat



October '23

- Mentor program is introduced to students
- Middle of October: Midterms
- 27: Last day to drop a class



November '23

- 4: Homecoming vs. KU
- Registration for Spring '24 classes
- 20-24: Thanksgiving Break – no classes (seminar trip to Germany?)



December '23

January '24

- 4: Prep Week begins
- 11: Finals Week begins
- 15: Semester ends

- 15: Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday/Day of Service
- 16: Spring classes begin
- Mentor program begins
- Deadline to apply for University Honors Program



February '24

March '24

- It's snowy and bleak



- Beginning of March: Midterms
- 11-15: Spring Break
- Registration for Fall '24 classes



April '24

May '24

- The actual busiest month of the year with end-of-year activities and research poster presentations
- 29: Prep Week begins

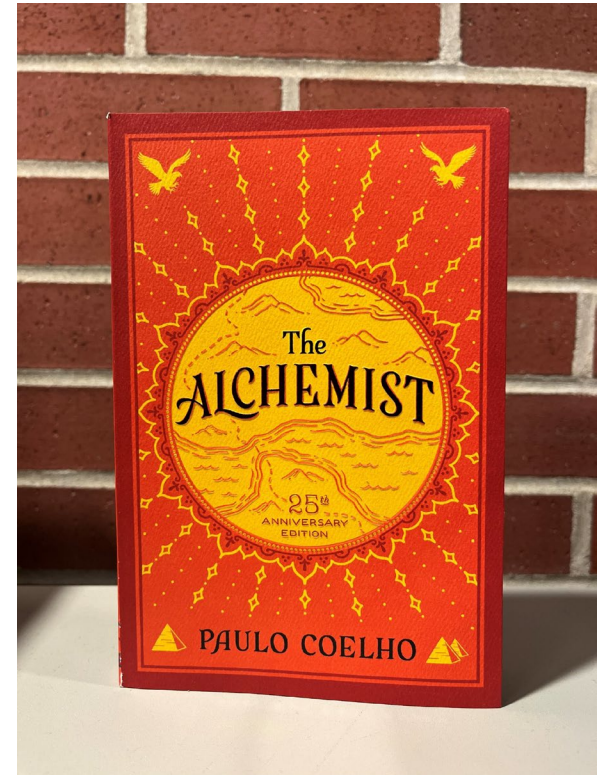


- 6: Finals Week begins
- 10: Families, you can reclaim your student!



Orientation Checklist:

- Register for:
 - ☐ Honors 121
 - ☐ English 250H
 - ☐ Library 160 (Section 1)
- Check your ISU email address regularly
- Read *The Alchemist*
- Get excited!



***If you make changes to your schedule and cannot get back into one of the FHP courses, contact the Honors Office immediately.*

Haven't submitted these? Today is the day!

- Honors acceptance forms (yellow sheets)
- English 250 or Library 160 credit forms



SAVE THE DATE!

FHP KICKOFF

Come for the free food, stay to meet your Honors section!

**Sunday,
August 20
5 pm**



SAVE THE DATE!

HSB'S ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Join your Honors section and start the year off right with the HSB ice cream social – find out what HSB does and how you can get connected.

**Wednesday,
August 30**



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SAVE THE DATE!

FHP RETREAT

Past retreat activities have included bonfires, walking tacos, Olympics-style games, trivia competitions, glow-in-the-dark ultimate frisbee, Honors Idol, cookie decorating, the Honors Amazing Race, swing dancing, childhood regression activities, tons of glow sticks, bingo, Real Life Clue, lots of snacks, lip sync skits, Family Feud, line dancing, charades, and human foosball broom hockey!

**Friday,
September 15**



Connect with us (for a sticker for
your laptop/water bottle)!



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- ★ Eat at a campus cafe
- ★ Consider a food truck!





Questions?

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