

## SMBHC Frequently Asked Questions During Orientation

Do I still need to take Hon 101 if I already have Writ 101 credit?

Yes, Honors 101 and 102 are the only two classes the Honors College requires. Usually, it will satisfy the Freshman Composition I and II requirements, but if you already have Writ 101/102 credit, Hon 101 will satisfy another requirement of your major, either a Humanities, Social Science, or elective requirement.

I'm an incoming freshman who has been admitted to the Honors College; when will I be able to register for classes?

You will be able to register after you have met with an advisor in your major to discuss your class options for the Fall semester; usually during the second day of Orientation. Please refer to the Office of Orientation for more details.

Can I take honors classes or earn honors credit during the summer and/or intersessions?

The Honors College does not usually offer honors classes during the summer terms. Honors courses are primarily offered in the fall and spring semesters.

How do I know which classes I have credit for if I have taken AP, IB, or dual enrollment classes?

You will need to submit all completed/final/official transcripts and test scores from all institutions from which you have earned academic credit (high school transcript, university or community college transcripts, AP scores, etc.) to the Office of Admissions. Once all of your test scores and classes have been entered into our system, you will get a letter detailing what classes you have credit for. This information will also be uploaded to your account so any advisor looking up your information will also be able to see what credits you already have.

I anticipate starting UM with a substantial number of college credits. How does that impact my standing as an incoming honors student? Will I be held to the same requirements?

For students entering the Honors College as freshmen, the Honors College curriculum requires an overall minimum of 30 hours of honors credit. We expect freshmen to end their first year with at least 12 credits, counting Hon 101 and 102. Other hours come from taking honors sections of courses in various disciplines and/or honors experiential learning, conversations, and special topics courses. Many students earn up to 9 hours of honors credit through their practicum/thesis experience. Students in intensive language programs, such as Arabic or the Chinese Flagship, can earn hours through their higher level language classes.

The Honors College is not a degree-granting department and our student body represents an array of majors. Because of this, many of our classes are designed to meet general education/core curriculum classes. If the requirements for your core classes are covered, we encourage students to use this opportunity to explore topics, subjects, and classes that might be outside of your major. If you are uncertain as to how to meet the honors hours requirement with your transfer credits, please contact the honors academic counselor or one of the deans to come up with a plan.

Will I have an Honors College Advisor? Will s/he help me choose my classes?

We do have an Academic Counselor, but your **academic advisor** will be the one to officially advise for classes and lift your advising hold. Our academic counselor is here to help reconcile your major classes with honors requirements.

Are Honors Courses more difficult than standard courses?

Honors courses are different, not necessarily harder. Honors courses are typically smaller than many of their “non-Honors” counterparts, usually no more than 15-20 students, and are taught by some of the university’s most esteemed faculty. Honors courses focus on active learning, and students are often more involved than in courses outside of the Honors College.

What is the difference between “regular” and Honors versions of General Chemistry and Biology 160?

Chem 105 has specific designated sections for honors students, with corresponding recitation classes. Honors sections of chemistry typically have a smaller class size than the non-honors sections, and the recitation classes are a chance to review information more in-depth, review assignments, and/or take tests. Each honors chemistry instructor may use their recitation class differently.

Students opting to earn honors credits through Bisc 160 would sign up for a “regular” section of Bisc 160 and an honors recitation section (Bisc 164) and any lab. The biology recitation is small 1-hour class that gives students the ability to apply what they have learned in class to real world applications.

I took AP Bio and/or AP Chemistry in high school. Do I need to take Gen Chem and Bio 160?

This depends on your major and career aspirations. If you are majoring in a STEM field that requires Bisc 160 and/or Chem 105, and/or are planning to pursue a medical track (pre-medical, pre-dental, etc.), then yes, it is recommended to (re)take at least the lectures (Chem 105 and Bisc 160) at the University-level. The Health Professions Advising Office is an excellent resource.

Do I need to take a certain number of honors classes my first semester?

Not necessarily, but you will automatically have 3 honors hours with Hon 101. Six honors hours are recommended. You will need to complete your first year with a minimum of 12 honors hours.

Can I add or drop classes over the summer after I register at Orientation?

Yes, you can adjust your schedule through the end of the first week of classes for the Fall semester.

When will Honors Students be able to move in to the residential halls?

Due to the evolving nature of Covid-19, we are awaiting confirmation regarding move-in

details from university leadership. We should be notified about plans for the upcoming Fall semester by June 30, 2020.

My roommate is not in the Honors College. Can they move-in with me?

No, your roommate will need to move in during their designated move-in time.

Will the Honors College provide activities for us before classes begin?

Yes, traditionally the Honors College hosts a Welcome Week, a week-long series of classes, games, and activities designed to introduce you to your peers and Honors staff and faculty, as well as allow you to get acquainted with campus before classes begin. Due to Covid-19, this year's Welcome Week may be modified.

What will the Honors College do if UM continues to be online for the fall?

As of now, the Honors College and the greater University of Mississippi community remain committed to pursuing all possible ways to resume in-person instruction for the Fall 2020 semester. Any changes to this plan will depend on how the public health emergency unfolds over the coming months. This situation remains fluid, and university leadership will notify you about our plans for Fall 2020 no later than June 30, 2020.