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General Syllabus

HNRS 371H3 Honors Junior Research Seminar

Credit Hours: 3 Lecture Hours: 3

Prerequisite: junior standing and completion of 18 hours of Honors courses
Effective Catalog: 2019-2020

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

Prepares Miles Friedman Honors program students for independent research projects. Advanced research techniques, survey of current global trends, in-depth investigation of possible global issues worthy of development in the HONR 480H3 Honors International Studies Capstone.

B. Additional Information

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate the ability to work independently
2. Develop research techniques appropriate to the discipline(s) involved
3. Make decisions based on information
4. Communicate findings in a manner consistent with the professional expectations of the discipline(s) involved
5. Set up a contract agreement with Capstone mentor(s)

B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Communication Skills (written and oral)

The student will conduct significant original research and communicate findings in a major written paper and a public presentation of the project.

Analytical Skills**Critical Thinking Skills**

Students will investigate a topic of interest under the direction of an expert in the field, creating defensible interpretations based on original research. The critical thinking skills involved in a careful analysis of the topic are central to this course and the Honors Program.

Global and Cultural Perspectives

Students will independently investigate global topics from an interdisciplinary and cross-cultural perspective. This capstone will serve as the culmination of extensive travel and research in international studies.

III Major Course Topics

- A. Research Methods
- B. Decision Making
- C. Presentation and Communication Skills
- D. Specific International Topics- Will Vary