THE HONORS CORE

First Year Core Overview/Lower Division

READING LOS ANGELES
Exploring the cultural and social fabric of the City of Angels. LA lore is lodged in imagination through words, music, art and politics. The result? Everyone seems to have an opinion about LA—even those who’ve never been here. In HNRS 1100, 1200, and 1300, students discover new ways to understand and analyze modern urban environments and the creative and critical expressions that emerge from them. These courses will shape Honors students academics and life after Cal State LA, even if they leave the “City of Angles”.

Third Year Core Overview/Upper Division Theme

WICKED PROBLEMS
The term “wicked problems” was developed to describe complex problems like crime, urban poverty, inequality, and social dysfunction that have several key characteristics. Wicked problems have no immediate solution, every implemented solution to a wicked problem has a consequence, and each wicked problem can be considered a symptom of another problem. Each course will focus on a specific wicked problem, paying special attention to the vital role played by methods of inquiry in the humanities, social sciences or natural sciences. Taken together, the courses aim to give Honors students the academic, social, and civic tools to work across disciplines and sectors, and with professionals, experts and community members, to frame and address many of the critical challenges facing the diverse communities in our global society.

HONORS THESIS/PROJECT
The Honors College undergraduate experience culminates in the thesis, a required advanced research or creative project completed either in the student’s undergraduate degree program or in the Honors College. By completing the thesis students will be demonstrating the ability to become producers of knowledge in their own right.

FIRST YEAR CORE- LOWER DIVISION

HNRS 1010 - Introduction to Academic Inquiry in the Honors College
HNRS 1100 - Reading Los Angeles: Communication in the City of Angels
HNRS 1200 - Reading Los Angeles: Engaging Cultural Expressions in a Global City
HNRS 1300 - Reading Los Angeles: Community and Structure in the Metropolis
HNRS 2900 - Honors Declaration

THIRD YEAR CORE- UPPER DIVISION THEME

HNRS 3200 - Humanities Approaches to Race, Ethnicity, and “Wicked” Problems
HNRS 3300 - Addressing “Wicked” Problems through the Social Sciences: A Case Study in Diverse Communities
HNRS 3400 - Addressing “Wicked” Problems: A Natural Sciences Case Study

*2 out of 3 courses are needed to fulfill the Honors College Requirements

HONORS SENIOR THESIS

HNRS 4950 - Honors College Thesis: Research and Prospectus
HNRS 4960 - Honors College Thesis and Senior Forum
HNRS 4970 - Honors College Senior Forum

For more information:
www.calstatela.edu/honorscollege/courses

Schedule of Courses 2016-2017
**Fall 2016**

**FIRST YEAR HONORS CORE**

**HNRS 1010-01**, Kaveri Subrahmanyam  
MWF 9:00-9:50 AM

**HNRS 1010-02**, Mark Wild  
MWF 10:00-10:50 AM (EEP)

**HNRS 1010-03**, Mark Wild  
MWF 11:00-11:50 AM

**HNRS 1100-01**, Frances Chee  
MWF 9:00-9:50 AM

**HNRS 1100-02**, Frances Chee  
MWF 10:00-10:50 AM

**HNRS 1100-03**, Frances Chee  
TR 12:15-1:30 PM (EEP)

**THIRD YEAR HONORS CORE**

**HNRS 3200-02**, Jun Xing  
TR 1:40-2:55 PM

**HNRS 3300-01**, Jeremy Busacca  
TR 4:30-5:45 PM

**HNRS 3300-02**, Beth Hoffman  
TR 10:50 AM-12:05 PM

**HNRS 3400-01**, Staryl McCabe-Glynn  
TR 12:15-1:30 PM

**HONORS SENIOR THESIS**

**HNRS 4950-01**, Jose Anguiano  
TR 9:25-10:40 AM

**HNRS 4950-02**, Robin Davidson  
TR 10:50 AM-12:05 PM

**HNRS 4960-01**, Jose Anguiano  
MW 1:40-2:55 PM

**HNRS 4970-01**, Staff  
F 9:00-9:50 AM

**HNRS 4970-02**, Staff  
F 10:00-10:50 AM

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Honors courses are designed for highly motivated students who want to learn with students like themselves. Generally smaller, Honors classes explore academic subjects in greater depth, encourage greater interaction with faculty, and often include co-curricular activities, field trips, or community engagement activities.

**Who can enroll in an Honors Course?**

Honors courses are for students in the Honors College. Freshmen are required to enroll in the Reading LA sequence (HNRS1100-1200-1300). Juniors are required to take two courses in the Wicked Problems sequence (HNRS 3200-3300-3400) to complete their upper-division theme. Students who are not enrolled in the Honors College but who have earned a 3.3 GPA or above are welcome to enroll in Honors electives if space is available. Electives can include ENGL 1010, POLS 1000, and HIST 2020. Contact the Honors College to learn about current electives being offered or to request a permit for an elective course.

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**Spring 2017**

**FIRST YEAR HONORS CORE**

**HNRS 1200-01**, Staff  
MWF 9:00-9:50 AM

**HNRS 1200-02**, Michael Calabrese  
TR 1:40-2:55 PM

**HNRS 1200-03**, Jose Anguiano  
MW 3:05-4:20 PM

**HNRS 1300-01**, Kamran Afary  
TR 12:15-1:30 PM

**HNRS 1300-02**, Beth Baker  
MW 1:40-2:55 PM

**HNRS 1300-03**, Beth Baker  
MW 12:15-1:30 PM

**THIRD YEAR HONORS CORE**

**HNRS 3200-02**, Kristina Ruiz-Mesa  
TR 1:40-2:55 PM

**HNRS 3300-01**, Cynthia Cardona  
TR 4:30-5:45 PM

**HNRS 3300-02**, Dawn Digrius  
TR 4:30-5:45 PM

**HNRS 3400-01**, Staryl McCabe-Glynn  
MW 1:40-2:55 PM

**HONORS SENIOR THESIS**

**HNRS 4960-01**, Jose Anguiano  
MW 1:40-2:55 PM

**HNRS 4960-02**, Robin Davidson  
TR 10:50 AM-12:05 PM

**HNRS 4970-01**, Staff  
F 9:00-9:50 AM

**HNRS 4970-02**, Staff  
F 10:00-10:50 AM

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