**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 Angels”.

**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
  OR
- **HNRS 4970** - Honors College Senior Forum

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

**Schedule of Courses 2017-2018**
**Fall 2017**

**FIRST YEAR HONORS CORE**

- **HNRS 1010-01**, Alex Espinoza  
  MWF 9:00- 9:50 AM
- **HNRS 1010-02**, Kyle Behen  
  MWF 10:00- 10:50 AM
- **HNRS 1010-03**, Kyle Behen  
  MWF 11:00- 11:50 AM (EEP)
- **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 9:25- 10:40 PM (EEP)

**THIRD YEAR HONORS CORE**

- **HNRS 3200-01**, John Kennedy  
  TR 1:40-2:55 PM
- **HNRS 3300-01**, Cynthia Cardona  
  TR 4:30-5:45 PM
- **HNRS 3400-01**, James Rudd  
  TR 12:15-1:30 PM

**HONORS SENIOR THESIS**

- **HNRS 4950-01**, Kate Kurtin  
  TR 12:15-1:30 PM

**Spring 2018**

**FIRST YEAR HONORS CORE**

- **HNRS 1200-01**, Jenny Hicks  
  MWF 9:00- 9:50 AM
- **HNRS 1200-02**, Jose Anguiano  
  TR 10:50- 12:05 PM
- **HNRS 1200-03**, Jose Anguiano  
  TR 1:40-12:05 PM
- **HNRS 1300-01**, Beth Baker  
  TR 12:15-1:30 PM
- **HNRS 1300-02**, Tonatiuh Rodriguez-Nikl  
  MW 12:15-1:30 PM
- **HNRS 1300-03**, Ewuling Gonzalez  
  MW 4:30-5:45 PM
- **HNRS 2900-01**, Scott Wells  
  (online- no meeting time)

**THIRD YEAR HONORS CORE**

- **HNRS 3200-01**, Alex Espinoza  
  TR 1:40-2:55 PM
- **HNRS 3300-01**, Sun-Hee Yoon  
  TR 4:30-5:45 PM
- **HNRS 3400-01**, James Rudd  
  MW 12:15-1:30 PM

**HONORS SENIOR THESIS**

- **HNRS 4960-01**, Kate Kurtin  
  TR 10:50 AM-12:05 PM
- **HNRS 4970-01**, Scott Wells  
  F 10:00-10:50 AM
- **HNRS 4970-02**, Marla Parker  
  F 11:00-11:50 AM

**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.**