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More Scholarships Offered for Returning Students

Through a grant from the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Western has $125,000 new dollars for scholarships for next year for returning students who are Kentucky residents. Other scholarships are available for returning students regardless of residence. All these scholarships are based mainly on your college grades. Contact the Office of Admissions for applications. The Honors Program will help you in any way it can. Contact Dr. McFarland or Ms. Sabo in the Honors Office (745-2081) for their assistance.

Worth Bragging About!

Anne Elise Clark has been nominated by Western’s Phi Kappa Phi Honors Society to receive a national Phi Kappa Phi scholarship for her studies next year in Veterinary Medicine at Auburn University.

Jennifer Thompson has received the Dan Troutman Scholarship for her excellence in Organic Chemistry.

Cory Hollon has received the Patrick Henry Vincent Award for his excellence in forensics and has won the Ogden Oratorical Contest in persuasive speaking.

Darrell Burkhead has received the award for Outstanding Senior in Computer Science and the H. M. Yarbrough Mathematics award for his excellent scholarship in math.

Mark Crosslin has received the Arndt M. Stickles Scholarship from the History Department for his academic excellence.

David Sparks has received the award for Outstanding Student in Management.

Staci Kitchens has received the award for Outstanding Third-Year Mathematics Student.

Amy Walters has received the award for Outstanding First-Year Mathematics Student.

Kelli Smith has received the award for Outstanding Psychology Senior.

Arthur Penn and Michelle Clark Rogers have been named co-recipients of the Honors Student of the Year award. Both are graduating seniors and have completed the Honors curriculum.

Kelli Smith, Michelle Nye, Laurie Goad, and Jennifer Thompson were among the students recently inducted into the National Honors Society of Phi Kappa Phi.

Most Popular Majors

Students in Western’s Honors Program are majoring in a wide variety of areas, 51 to be exact. The most popular majors are as follows: undeclared (21), journalism (17), psychology (17), computer science (12), recombinant genetics (12), history (11), elementary education (10), undeclared in College A (10), accounting (9), mathematics (7), and pre-medicine (7).
Honors Courses Offered Fall 1992

AGRI 101-004 Science of Agriculture 10:30 TRF EST260 Hughes

The Science of Agriculture, as the title implies, studies the application of scientific principles to agriculture. The principles of the production of food and fiber and using sound environmental principles are discussed. Current events and concerns will form an integral part of this course.

Luther Hughes, Head of WKU's Department of Agriculture and a 1966 Western graduate, earned his M.A. and Ph.D. in soil microbiology and biochemistry in 1970 and 1971, respectively, from Purdue University. In 1989, he was selected as Kentucky's "Professor of the Year."

ASTR 101-004 Astronomy of Solar System 3:45 MW TCCW129 Hackney

Honors Astronomy will concentrate on the scientific process by which the solar system can be understood. Spanning the widest scales of space and time, the course will emphasize origins, fates, how things work, how they relate to others, and the conditions that make life possible in the solar system. Observation, interpretation, hypothesis testing, and critical analysis will be emphasized as an approach to understanding what new knowledge of the solar system may tell us about our own planet.

Richard Hackney (Ph.D., University of Florida) has been at Western since 1972. His astrophysical research on quasars, galactic nuclei, star formation, and his interest in student research, have resulted in over 90 papers. He is director of the WKU Astrophysical Observatory and a consultant to NASA's International Ultraviolet Explorer Satellite program.

Biol 301-500 Ecology and Human Affairs 5:15 T TCNW224 Kupchella

Designed for non-science majors, this course will focus on the earth's ecological system and on contemporary environmental issues. Many classes will be based on readings on controversial environmental issues; students will often lead discussions on pro and con sides of these issues. The course is designed to give students experience in weighing controversial issues, such as ecological issues, and to provide practice speaking and writing.

Charles Kupchella, Dean of Ogden College, received his Ph. D. in Biological Sciences from St. Bonaventure University in 1968. He has written three books including Environmental Science: Living Within the System of Nature (3rd edition will be published in 1993). He also contributed to the 1992 American Chemical Society Symposium Series Volume on Global Change. Dr. Kupchella's main research interests are environmental protection and environmental health.

ECON 150-001 Introduction to Economics 9:15 MWF GH453 Davis

This course is designed to introduce to first-time students the basic analytical tools of the science of economics. Emphasis will be given to the application of these tools to the domestic and international issues of the day, including the competitiveness of the U.S. economy, property rights and economic development, government regulation of enterprise, inflation, unemployment, and environmental degradation.

Bill Davis earned his Ph.D. at the University of Kentucky and came to Western in 1970. He has served on the University Honors Committee for many years.
This section is a co-requisite with Honors Psychology 100-002. Honors Introduction to Linguistics and Honors Introduction to Psychology blend well together, with each course enhancing the other. For example, a discussion of the human brain is followed by a lecture on the linguistic complications arising from various forms of brain damage. Similarly, classes on behavior conditioning are compared with relevant fictional works.

Walker Rutledge came to Western in 1969 following graduate work at the University of Oklahoma. Mr. Rutledge has served on the Honors Committee and taught Honors courses for many years. He coordinates senior theses and co-edits the Student Honors Research Bulletin.

This course will concentrate on the evolution and variation of language. In addition to studying this specific area of linguistics, the course will discuss interdisciplinary research about language from psychology, sociology, medicine, and biology.

Lesa Dill, now in her fifth year at Western, received her doctorate in English linguistics from the University of Georgia in 1986. Her research interest is biolinguistics. With an interest in molecular genetics, she is also pursuing a masters in biology at WKU.

Honors Introduction to Literature is a study of short fiction, the novel, poetry, and drama. A cross-genre approach includes drama on film, recordings, and live performances. Writing evaluations will include individual conferences.

Nancy Davis, who received her Ph.D. from Northwestern University, is principally involved in research in women’s studies and in the relationship between place and literature. She has presented papers or published articles on Twain, James, Dreiser, Cather and Faulkner, several of which were co-authored with her husband Dr. James Davis, Professor of Geography.

Honors Junior English will be an interdisciplinary writing course. Students will read and write about challenging essays in a number of fields. Each student will produce a substantial research project.

John Spurlock, an authority on Appalachian literature and the works of Jesse Stuart, is the author of a recent book, He Sings for Us: A Socio-Linguistic Analysis of the Appalachian Subculture.

This course will provide students with an opportunity to examine in-depth the works of America’s most famous Nobel Prize laureates. The class will make a special field trip to Faulkner’s Mississippi home. Will count for general education credit in either Category B or G.

Walker Rutledge directs the honors program in the Department of English. His special interest is Southern American literature.
GOVT 110-004 American National Government 9:15 MW GH345 Ardrey

This course examines political institutions, doctrines, and most importantly, the political behavior of the American people. The course will cover "who did what, when, and how in the American political system." Special emphasis will be given to the 1992 national elections.

Sandra Ardrey earned her Ph. D. at Ohio State, specializing in urban politics and women and minorities in politics. Director of Western's African American Studies Minor, Dr. Ardrey will teach courses at both the democratic and republican national conventions this summer.

HIST 119-006 Western Civilization to 1648 10:30 MWF CH203A Baker

Dr. Baker says, "I am a frustrated actor and therefore I often play historical characters in class. In History 119, I will be Alexander the Great, St. Augustine, and Leonardo da Vinci."

James Baker earned his Ph. D. at Florida State University in 1968. He is the author of several biographies on important Americans including A Southern Baptist in the White House on President Jimmy Carter. Dr. Baker directed the University Honors Program for many years.

HIS 463-001 1492 and Beyond 5:15 T CH221 Haynes

The Quincentennial of Christopher Columbus’s voyages offers an opportunity to reexamine his accomplishments and their impact both on Europe and the Americas. The course will focus on Columbus and his times, but it will also examine the results of what is called the Columbian Exchange, including the introduction of new products, animals, plant life, and diseases, as well as cultural and ethnic changes. The course will also examine the rise of colonialism, capitalism, chattel slavery, new class and racial structures, and the effect of these changes on religion, culture, and education. Will count for general education credit in either Category B or G.

Robert Haynes has been Vice President for Academic Affairs and Professor of History at Western since 1984. He holds a doctorate in United States History from Rice University and is author of three books and many articles. His research focus on race relations and southern history.

MATH 126-004 Calculus/Analytical Geometry 10:30 MTRF TCCW306 Brunson

The Honors section of Math 126 will focus on the concepts of Calculus and their relevance to the world around us. While there are some mechanical skills students must master, the approach will be one of investigation, as in a laboratory. Graphics calculators will be a required, worthwhile, and a fun tool for in the course.

Barry Brunson earned his Ph.D. in Probability Theory from Indiana University in 1982, but for 18 years after high school he was a steelworker, truck driver, bakers' helper, soldier, warehouseman and three time college dropout. (Editors note: That seems highly improbable.)

MUS 120-004 Music Appreciation 10:30 TRF IWC195 Pounds

Honors Music Appreciation, a survey of music from early to modern times, is designed to help students be more discriminating listeners and consumers of music. Concerts, radio and television programs may be assigned for special listening.

Dwight Pounds, who earned his doctorate at Indiana University, is a violinist, prize winning photographer, traveler, linguist, and Retired Colonel of the US Air Force Reserve.
PSY 100-002  Psychology  9:15 MWF  TPH424  Miller

In addition to providing an overview of psychology, this class offers a unique opportunity for students to integrate psychology with the study of communication and language. Its intention is to offer students an inter-disciplinary perspective on the dynamics of human thought and behavior. Co-requisite with Honors English 104-001.

Richard Miller came to Western in 1970 after he finished his Ph.D. in physiological psychology at the University of Houston. He has taught honors courses since 1984 and currently working on many applied projects with professional and industrial groups here and in China and Guatemala.

PSY 100-005  Psychology  2:15 TR  TPH407  Randolph

Working in teams, students will conduct their own original psychological research in addition to covering the basics of psychology. Outstanding projects will be sponsored for presentation at the annual Sigma Xi Research Conference.

Patty Randolph, A.B.D. (all but dissertation) from Texas Christian University, came to WKU from San Diego, where she had been teaching at San Diego State University. She has conducted research on nonverbal behavior, imagery in healing, and meditation.

RELS 102-005  Intro to Religious Studies  11:45 TRF  CH309  Snyder

This course, a broad introduction to the study of religion, will examine the beliefs, rituals, symbols, and institutions of several religions, including American Indian religion, Hinduism, and American Christianity. To try to understand how best to study religion, important theorists such as William James, Sigmund Freud and Joseph Campbell will be read and discussed.

Lawrence Snyder’s Ph. D. was earned at the University of North Carolina. He came to Western in 1990. Dr. Snyder’s major interests are the history of Christianity, the history of American religions, American Indian spirituality, world religions, American transcendentalism and religious pluralism.

SCOM 145-006  Public Speaking  10:30 TRF  FAC223  Caillouet

Honors Fundamentals of Public Speaking will cover both informative and persuasive speaking. While attention will be given to delivery, emphasis will be placed on the discovery, development, and effective verbal expression of ideas.

Larry Caillouet who holds a Ph. D. in Communication from the University of Illinois, served as Director of Forensics at Western from 1975 to 1982. He coached several Western students to national awards in public speaking and debate.

COLL 100-001  Freshman Honors Colloquium  2:15 R  GCCMEM  Reber

This colloquium, focusing on business ethics, will examine how organizations treat their employees, customers, competitors, and the environment. Issues such as employee drug testing, affirmative action, truth in advertising, waste disposal, and sexual harassment may be included. Many students are not business majors, but the topics are usually relevant to almost everyone.

Bob Reber earned a Ph. D. in Industrial/Organizational Psychology and Management from Louisiana State University in 1982. His research interests include occupational safety, employee motivation, and employee rights.
COLL 100-002  Freshman Honors Colloquium  3:45 M  GCCMEM  Hoover

This colloquium will consider Mass Culture in America from 1920 to the present. The discussions and readings will focus on how music, art, drama, architecture, and folklore have shaped Americans see America. Differences and similarities in elite, popular, and folk cultures during this time period will also be examined.

Judith Hoover received her Ph.D. from Indiana University in 1983 in speech communication, telecommunications and American Studies. She has published articles on the styles of communication of John F. Kennedy, Tennessee Governor Ray Blanton, and others, and has a forthcoming chapter on *The Rhetoric of Sermonic: Case Studies in the Public Discourse of Martin Luther King, Jr.*

COLL 100-003  Freshman Honors Colloquium  2:15 W  AAC301  Hall

This colloquium will focus on "Worldly Philosophers," economists and others who have tried to bridge the gap between understanding and creating a better world -- Adam Smith, Karl Marx, John Maynard Keynes, etc. Students will be able to select particular philosophers for in-class reports and discussion.

Carl Hall, Head of the Department of Home Economics and Family Living, received his Ed.D. from University of Oklahoma in 1964. He and his wife Emily came to Western from Central Missouri State University in 1991.

COLL 201-001  Sophomore Honors Colloquium  3:45 W  GCCMEM  McFarland

The colloquium's general theme will be "Human Rights and the Nature of Justice." In addition to readings on the Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen, the American Bill of Rights, and the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights, students will select particular controversial rights (e.g. the right of privacy, the right to die, abortion rights) for more extensive research and for leading class discussions.

Dr. McFarland, Director of the Honors Program, received his Ph. D. at Vanderbilt and has taught in Western's psychology department since 1971. His research interests include the psychology of religion, moral reasoning, and the authoritarian personality. His book chapter on "The Authoritarian Personality in the U. S. A. and Soviet Union: Comparative Studies," is due out this summer.