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Honors students encouraged to add low-enrollment courses

These honors courses still have lots of room, and honors students (or others with a 3.2 college g.p.a.) are asked to consider them:

History 119-012, to be taught by Dr. Robert Dietle, at 1 p.m. TRF, has only six enrolled, due to the preregistration problem described in an earlier memo. Eight are enrolled in Honors World Regional Geography (GEOG 110-001), to be offered by Dr. David Kelling at 9:15 MWF; nine are signed up for Honors Calculus (MATH 126-007) to be offered by Dr. Tom Richmond at 11:45 MTRF. Ten students are needed for each class to be offered.

Students still needing colloquia should consider:

Democracy on Trial (COLL 201-002). Dr. Charles Bussey, who will direct this colloquium at 2:15 p.m. on Tuesdays, is one of Western’s best and most popular teachers. He must not be widely known, or perhaps freshmen don’t realize that they may register for sophomore colloquia. This will be a good one!

Constitution and Public Policy (COLL 301-001). To be directed by Dr. Carl Schell at 2:15 p.m. on Wednesdays, the topic is vital for any educated citizen, and particularly relevant for those thinking about law school.

At the other extreme, Honors Introduction to Literature (ENG 200-024), Junior English (ENG 300-013), Introduction to Philosophy (PHIL 120-006), Fundamentals of Public Speaking (SCOM 145-011), Introduction to Sociology (SOCL 100-003), and Critical Issues in Education (COLL 100-001) each has just one or two free spaces.

Honors students complete senior thesis

Honors students who have completed their senior thesis this fall include:

Kimberly S. Rager, education major, wrote “Teachers' Attitudes Toward Students Learning at High Levels: A Challenge to KERA?”, directed by Dr. Wanda Huddleston.


Rotary Foundation sponsors study-abroad scholarships

The Bowling Green A.M. Rotary Club awards Rotary Foundation scholarships valued at $20,000 to $24,000 to juniors, seniors, and graduate students for study abroad.

Scholarships pay transportation, tuition, room, board, books, and some incidental expenses.

Applicants sponsored by the Bowling Green A.M. Club must have a home residence in West Central or Western Kentucky.

Potential applicants will be interviewed by a local committee of the Bowling Green club in late 1995 and early 1996.

If interested, contact Donna K. Cheshire immediately at the Office of International Programs, 1 Cherry Hall, 745-5334.

Submissions solicited for KHR

It’s not too late to submit a presentation for the spring Kentucky Honors Roundtable Feb. 9-10 at Kentucky State University in Frankfort.

Freshman to senior papers are appropriate. Students who would like to give a presentation should submit a title and 100-word abstract to the honors office by Friday, Jan. 12 (the week spring classes begin).

About 140 honors students from across Kentucky will present their academic papers and creative work. Entertainment and a student party will be held Friday evening, and the presentations will be given Saturday.

WKU participants will leave campus by university van Friday at noon and return Saturday evening. The Honors Program will pay students’ expenses.

Honors Student Society needs volunteers to help with activities

By Amy Steinkamp

A social organization of honors students created to bring unity and fun to the honors program. Sounds like a good idea, right? It is only if we can get students to participate and help organize events.

The Honors Student Society has a hectic agenda planned for the spring semester, but as of right now, there are only a few active members and little revenue. HSS has much promise and can bring great benefits to honors students. If you are interested, please call Michelle Browning (3103) or Amy Steinkamp (3103).

Honors Day volunteers needed

Student volunteers are needed for Honors Day Friday, Feb. 2, to tell prospective students and their parents about Western and the Honors Program.

Volunteers are needed for:

- Serving as guides for class visits, Rodes-Harlin room tours, advisement, and campus tours.
- Checking in students staying in Schmiedech Hall Thursday night and waking them up Friday morning.
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- Driving the shuttle van between Garrett and Downing.
- Directing parking at the Downing lot.
- Working registration at Garrett.
- Being available to talk to prospective students during breakfast and lunch.
- Giving presentations on honors activities.
- Running errands for the honors office.
- Working with parents.

If you're willing to help, please sign up at the honors office or call at 745-2081.

**New York City Honors Semester to address gender and work issues**

Students will explore the intersection of gender studies, media, art, and the world of work in the electronic age in the fall 1996 New York City Honors Semester sponsored by the National Collegiate Honors Council.

Seminars and workshops for the semester will be based on the campus of the College of New Rochelle near midtown Manhattan. New York City will be the primary field resource, with metropolitan-area internships at such locations at Buena Vista Pictures-Walt Disney Company, MTV, CNN, Madison Avenue advertising agencies, museums, and SoHo art galleries.

Each student will take 16 credit hours of advanced honors work in four interdisciplinary seminars, an internship, and an independent study project. Bimonthly colloquia will feature presentations on related topics by guest artists, academics, and media professionals.

For more information, contact the honors office.

**Elie Wiesel ethics essay contest**

College juniors and seniors may compete for a $5,000 first prize in the 1996 Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics essay contest by writing on "Personal Responsibility and the Common Good:

An Ethical Perspective."

The contest also has a $2,500 second prize, $1,500 third prize, and two $500 honorable mentions.

The contest deadline is January 12, 1996. Contact the honors office for more information.

**Study-abroad programs available**

Two study-abroad programs will allow honors students to visit the British Isles and Ecuador.

Participants in the Arizona State University Honors College London-Dublin Summer May 22-July 6, 1996 will spend three weeks in London and two in Dublin. They will study English and Irish history and literature while enjoying the two capitals' cultural life. Students will take two honors seminars for six hours credit. The study will cost about $3,900. Honors students from across America will be your classmates.

Students in the Winter Spanish Program in Ecuador Dec. 27-Jan. 19, 1997 will arrive in Quito and travel within several days to Cuenca. Language and culture classes and home stay begin Jan. 2, with field trips each weekend. Students will earn 3-4 credits. Some knowledge of Spanish is helpful. Approximate trip cost will be $1,850.

Contact the honors office for more information.

**Honorable Mention writers wanted**

The Honorable Mention needs writers of essays, editorials, feature articles, short-short stories, poetry, humor, and commentary on any subject of interest to honors students.

You may bring your contributions to the honors office or see Amy Steinkamp or Michelle Browning.

**Director's spring office hours**

Dr. McFarland's office hours for the spring semester will be 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. daily. He will try to always be available to students during those times.

**Old Mother Hubbard went to the cupboard to get her poor dog a bone.**

When she got there, the cupboard was stuck, but Old Mother Hubbard had plenty of pluck.

Into the cupboard with all of her might, Merry Crispness to all, and to all a good night!

(From Pogo, 1968, by Walt Kelly.)

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Happy Holidays from the Honors Program