

PROGRAMMES OF STUDY

Honours College

DURATION OF THE PROGRAMME

The honours programme is a three-year programme running in parallel with the degree programme that the student enrolled at her/his home unit.

CURRICULUM OF THE PROGRAMME

The curriculum is designed to shape high achieving students into globally competitive leaders and intellectual achievers committed to collaborative and creative thinking for Macau and beyond. Integration of the curriculum for the 3 years is with clear continuity. It features components in "Self-Discovery and Leadership", "Study Abroad", and "Honours Project" requiring students to earn 10 Honours credits from the college at University of Macau. Arrangement of the courses and required component are shown below.

Degree Programme at Home Unit	Honours Programme	1st Semester	2nd Semester
Year 1		Application preparation	Application preparation
Year 2	Year 1	HONR 201 Self-Discovery	HONR 202 Leadership Skill Development
Year 3	Year 2	HONR 301 Leadership from a Global Perspective	Study Abroad
Year 4	Year 3	HONR 400 Honours Project	HONR 400 Honours Project

Honours Students are student ambassadors of the University. They would be asked to serve the University from time to time in various capacities in order to gain more service learning experience.

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

English is the main language of instruction.

ADMISSION

Students who completed their 1st semester of academic year 2008/09 at University of Macau with at least a 3.30 cumulative GPA (Scale 15 for Faculty of Law students) and who are enrolled in full time for the 2nd semester of academic year 2008/09 are invited to consider applying for the Honours College. Candidates will be assessed based on the academic and extracurricular documents submitted with the application, as well as responses to interview by a panel. Places for the Honours College are highly competitive. Candidates offered admission should demonstrate academic excellence, strong leadership potential, motivation and self-discipline, and a commitment to citizenship and social

responsibility.

Ratio of quota between Macao resident and non-Macao resident follows the ratio of the current university undergraduate enrollment.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

To remain enrolled in the Honours College, a student must satisfy the following requirements:

- Enroll full time study on the degree programme at her/his home unit;
- Enroll honours courses according to the curriculum of the honours programme;
- Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (Scale 14 for Faculty of Law students);
- Earn a "B" or higher grade for each of the honours course taken.

To graduate from the University of Macau with special recognition at congregation and an Honours College diploma to signify passing of the honours programme, a student must satisfy the following requirements:

- Complete the requirements of the degree programme at her/his home unit;
- Complete the requirements of the honours programme;
- Receive a "B" or higher grade for each of the honours course taken;
- Has cumulative GPA of 3.00 (Scale 14 for Faculty of Law students) or above.

HONOURS RECOGNITION

Upon completion of all requirements of the Honours Programme and the degree programme at their home unit, the honours students will receive special recognition at congregation and an Honours College diploma. Honours work is noted on transcripts.

Course Description

HONR201 SELF-DISCOVERY (2 credits)

This course focuses on the self discovery process to facilitate students' self-awareness of personal style, values, leadership potential, etc. Group objective focuses on the development of an Honours' College membership identity and team spirit to foster group learning in leadership. Course includes honours seminars delivered by leaders in their fields.

HONR202 LEADERSHIP SKILL DEVELOPMENT (2 credits)

This course focuses on students' development of leadership skills on campus through small group coaching. Group objective includes peer input and feedback and the planning and implementation of a community project in summer. Course includes honours seminars delivered by leaders in their fields.

HONR301 LEADERSHIP FROM A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE (2 credits)

This course focuses on learning cross-cultural skills and leadership from the global perspective. The goal is to prepare students to be a successful exchange student in the study aboard programme. Course includes honours seminars delivered by leaders in their fields.

STUDY ABROAD

Students of the honours programme are required and funded to complete one semester of full time study in another country. Each outbound student is required to complete courses at the destination university equivalent to courses of the degree programme in the corresponding semester at her/his home unit. Students are advised to consult their advisors to plan ahead for courses to be taken in the destination university.

HONR400 HONOURS PROJECT (4 credits)

All students of the Honours College are required to complete a one-year honours project that leads to the development a scholarly product. It takes the form of an undergraduate research thesis/creative project mentored by a faculty member in the student's field of study.[†] Students have to present results of their projects at the "University Honours Project Symposium" held in the end of each academic year. Resources are available through the funded undergraduate research programme, students are advised to contact advisor of their home faculty to explore opportunities.

[†] For student whose major programme already requires a final year project, the Honours Project could be complementing the final year project with additional requirement; e.g. to require the writing of an academic paper from the project results for publication in an established conference or a refereed journal.