

- 3394 The Nature of the Human Experience III. (3-0) A course that focuses on some of the cultural and philosophical developments in history, which have particular significance for contemporary society. (WI)
- 3395 The Nature of the Human Experience IV. (3-0) A course that focuses on some of the intellectual and cultural developments in the arts and sciences, which have particular significance for understanding today's world. Repeatable for credit with different emphasis. (WI)
- 3396 The Nature of the Human Experience V. (3-0) A course which addresses the economic, social, and cultural aspects of the modern world and the relationship to history. (WI)
- 3480 Contemporary Issues in Natural Sciences. (3-2) The course addresses current issues in the natural sciences, particularly those which have significance for today. This course includes a laboratory or fieldwork component. (WI)
- 4390A Senior Seminar: Thesis Development. (3-0) A course that provides the opportunity to focus on research and learn research techniques appropriate for an honors thesis. This course provides the foundation to develop a realistic project, find a supportive thesis supervisor, build a bibliography and outline, and complete the review of literature. (WI)
- 4390B Honors Thesis. (3-0) A course in which students pursue an independent project of research, study, or creative achievement that culminates in a paper, laboratory or field research problem, or creative project (play, book of poetry, artwork, etc.) of significant size and scope. Prerequisite: Students must meet with the Director of the University Honors Program for approval before enrollment. (WI)
- 4391 Honors Independent Study. (3-0) Individual study under direct supervision of a professor for Honors credit. May involve field trips. This course may be repeated for credit but a student may not exceed six hours of credit in Honors Independent Study. (WI)

HONORS CONTRACT COURSE

Designated with "Honors work included" on students' transcript upon completion, any regular Texas State course above the 2000 level can become an Honors Contract course with the concurrent approval of the student, faculty member, and Director of the University Honors Program. Students completing an Honors Contract course complete at least 15% work in addition to the requirements set forth in the course. (WI)

DEPARTMENTAL HONORS COURSE

Offered in a growing number of departments, the Departmental Honors Course will follow the set curriculum with additional depth in subject matter and will encourage more student independent research. Possible course modifications include independent projects, group projects, papers, fewer multiple-choice exams, and class size limited to 17 students. See course listings at <http://www.txstate.edu/honors/prospective/courses.html>.

MINOR IN HONORS STUDIES

A minor in Honors Studies requires 21 semester hours, of which 12 hours are advanced which includes HON 4390A and HON 4390B. Of the advanced courses, a maximum of 2 may be Honors Contract courses. A maximum of 3 honors courses may be counted to satisfy both General Education Core Curriculum requirements

and the minor. Students are required to demonstrate cross-cultural experience by completing a study abroad or other international experience. Students must complete an Honors Thesis in HON 4390B including presentation of their thesis in the Honors Thesis Forum and approval by the thesis supervising professor and the Director of University Honors.

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Texas State's Student Learning Assistance Center (SLAC) provides a wide range of academic support programs. Whether students are seeking help with course content, study skills, or test preparation, SLAC provides a variety of services including a walk-in tutoring lab, Supplemental Instruction, campus presentations, and online services.

The Learning Lab gives academic assistance in accounting; sciences such as physics, biology, and chemistry; English; statistics; computer information systems; history; philosophy; languages such as Spanish; and a number of math courses. The Lab also contains study materials, handouts, and computer-assisted instructional software on a wide range of topics and levels, from correcting comma splices to preparing for graduate school.

Students may also visit SLAC for assistance in preparing for the admissions tests for graduate (GRE), law (LSAT), and business (GMAT) colleges as well as local tests such as the School of Journalism and Mass Communication's Grammar, Spelling, and Punctuation (GSP) exam.

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