Honors Colloquia and Honors Course Section

Honors Colloquia are one-credit honors sections appended to regular three and four-credit courses. They often develop topics in greater depth than in the related course; however, it is not unusual for colloquia to introduce totally new material or experiences. Colloquia are limited to 25 students and may be designated in one of three ways:

1. With an H preceding the course number as a one-credit seminar taken in addition to the regular course (for example, students would enroll in both Anthropology H317 and Anthropology 317), and both the honors component and the regular course must be passed with grades of B or better;

2. With HH following the course number and carrying the combined number of credits of the regular course and the honors colloquium (for example, Sociology 224 for four credits becomes Sociology 224HH for five credits);

3. As a one-credit seminar taken after passing the regular course with a grade of B or better. Such colloquia are designated with a course number using “91” in the last two digits and specify the associated regular course(s) as prerequisite. Both the prerequisite and the colloquium must be passed with grades of B or better. For example, a student who passes Accounting 221 or 222 with a grade of B or better may take Accounting 291H in a subsequent semester.

From Fall 2018 forward, proposals for new colloquia will only be accepted for type #1 above, although departments that have existing colloquia of types #2 or #3 may continue to offer those.

Colloquia may be prearranged and advertised in the honors course guide or determined in the first two weeks of a semester and scheduled via a colloquium contract.

- **Before the semester begins**, for advance approval of honors colloquia, a proposal must be submitted through the UMass Course and Curriculum Management System.

- **After the semester starts**, use the Late Added Colloquium Form to create an honors colloquium.

To create an honors version of a standard university course requires adding an honors section of the existing course. The honors section should be a 3-or-more-credit course taught at the honors level with an enrollment capacity of no more than 25. Such courses end in a single “H” suffix (e.g., ANTH 104H). These courses are intensive and the small class size allows for greater interaction among the students as well as between the instructor and the students. To add an honors version of 3 credits or more, an honors section should be proposed.
To set up an honors section:

- Submit proposal via the UMass Course and Curriculum Management System

Propose a New Honors Course

When proposing a new course that has never been offered previously as either a non-honors course or an honors course:

- Submit proposal via the UMass Course and Curriculum Management System

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