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This Honors RAP is located in Sycamore Hall in the Commonwealth Honors College Residential Community.

Students in this program will enjoy exploring creative poetry and fiction in this Honors RAP with others on their floor. They will enroll in an English honors course as well as a section of the Honors requirement, Ideas that Change the World. Both of these courses satisfy both honors and university requirements. Course descriptions are included below.

Students are required to be roommates with others in this program.

Related Courses:

Engl 254H: Writing and Reading Imaginative Literature

Writing and Reading Imaginative Literature - Analysis of issues of form, elements of genre, style, and development of themes of stories and poems, written by class members and in class texts. Students will examine problems of form, content, and development in fiction and poetry. Students will also write in the various models of fiction, poetry, drama, and essay.

Honors 201H - Commonwealth Honors Seminar - Ideas that Change the World

In this interdisciplinary, discussion-based seminar, students will examine innovative thinkers, groundbreaking ideas, and the strategies that transform these ideas into effective actions.

The course explores dilemmas addressed by the sciences, the arts, and the humanities. In each of these broad areas, the course focuses on questions about human nature, the sources of our knowledge, and the application of that knowledge to the solving of perennial and contemporary problems. The semester begins with inquiries into the nature of truth, of particular relevance in our era of debates over “alternative facts.” Then the course considers ongoing problems of violence,
injustice, and environmental crisis. Our inquiries will establish a dialogue between past and present as we examine historical figures such as W.E.B. Du Bois, Rachel Carson, along with present-day innovators such as Temple Grandin and the Dalai Lama.

More details about the course