

WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Honors Program

Report to the Faculty Senate – Friday, November 1, 2013

- Enrollment – There are currently 29 students enrolled in the Honors Program.
 - Arts and Humanities – 3 students (English – 2, Art – 1)
 - Professional studies – 5 students (Criminal Justice – 1, Education – 3, HHPLS – 1)
 - Business and Social Sciences – 6 students (Business administration – 1, Psychology – 3, History -1, Sociology – 1)
 - Natural Sciences and Mathematics – 15 students (Mathematics – 1, Chemistry – 3, Biology - 11)
- Student recruitment:
 - Invitation letters were sent to both prospective/admitted and existing students to join the Honors program during fall and spring 2013 semesters.
 - Dr. Sklute presented to 5 sections of Freshman Experience classes on Spring 2013 semester and to **all** Freshman Experience classes during the Fall semesters. Follow-up e-mails were sent to several students.
 - Honors Program camping trip took place on the weekend of September, 14th 2013.
 - Honors Program Open House event took place on November 1, 2013.
- General Education Honors sections – these courses are ***open to all students***.
 - Three courses were offered in Spring 2013: HIST 201 H, POSC 101 H, and COMM 140 H.
 - Four courses are currently offered: GEd 160 H, COMM 140 H, BIOL 101H, and HIST 201 H.
 - Four courses will be offered during Spring 2014: POSC 101 H, CHEM 100 H, HHP 157 H, and ENGL 150 H.
 - Two additional GEd Honors courses were approved: Art 101 H and Engl 102 H is pending approval. Visit the Honors website for submission guidelines and other information.

<http://wvstateu.edu/academics/honors-program/resources-faculty>

- Starting from Fall 2014 Honors GEd courses will be offered as Honors only instead of blended classes. If needed, the courses can be taken by contract. Dr. Sklute is working with the academic deans and Dr. Kimberly Whitehead to identify potential slots in the schedule for those courses.

- Capstone project – *participation in the Honors program is required to enroll to these courses.* NSM 490 H and A & H – Honors Thesis were approved.
- Cultural and Professional event - this is a non-academic requirement to participate in two cultural and/or professional activities each semester. The students are asked to write a one-page reflection about this experience. I maintain a calendar of events on our website: <http://wvstateu.edu/academics/honors-program/events> (not restricted to the events appear on the list).

In addition to these events, all students are required to participate in at least one outreach activity each semester.

- Student activities – I meet with the students in the program twice a semester. The first meeting typically takes place in the first/second day of the semester. This meeting is mainly administrative to assure that students can make last minute adjustments to their schedule if required. In this meeting we will also vote for the students organization and discuss plans and activities. The second meeting takes place after mid-terms (8-9th week of the semester). This is social academic events, where I invite students with their family and friends to get together and present their capstone work.
- Honors Program Committee meetings – take place every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 12:30 pm in Hill Hall conference room.
<http://wvstateu.edu/wvsu-catalog/honors-program/honors-program-committee>
- Participation in the Honors program vs. graduation from the Honors program - a student can enroll to the program to be able to complete the Honors capstone project and it will appear in the transcripts. However, to graduate from the program, a student has to complete all three components (GEd, capstone, cultural and professional activities).
- City as Text – "Charleston's East End Historic District" was guided by Dr. Billy Joe Peyton on Saturday, April 13th 2013.

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Honors Program Course Offering

Fall Semester:

- COMM 140H
- GEd 160H
- HIST 201H

Spring Semester:

- ENGL 102
- POSC 101H
- Art 101H

CHEM 100H, BIOL 101H, ENGL 150H,
and HHP 157H will be offered as
needed