

HONORS COLLEGE

Spring 2025 Course List

Spring Honors Courses

• BIOL 1407.03: General Biology II (CRN 25786)	MWF 9:00 AM - 9:50 AM	D. Neudorf
• CRIJ 2364.01: Fundamentals of Criminal Law (CRN 20959)	MW 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM	S. Kokkalera
• CRIJ 3340.01: Gender and Crime (CRN 20997)	TR 12:30 PM - 1:45 PM	A. Azimi
• GEOL 1404.03: Historical Geology (CRN 25249)	TR 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM	J. Harris
• GEOL 1404.16: Historical Geology Lab (CRN 20353)	W 4:00 PM - 5:45 PM	D. Moss
• POLS 2306.05: Texas Government (CRN 21591)	TR 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM	T. Waggener
• HIST 1301.07: United States History to 1876 (CRN 20332)	TR 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM	A. Hyams

Spring Honors Research

• HONR 4095.01: Independent Study* (CRN 20309)	K. Bell
• HONR 4095.02: Independent Study* (CRN 25215)	K. Bell
• HONR 4095.03: Independent Study* (CRN 25219)	K. Bell
• HONR 4095.04: Independent Study* (CRN 25220)	K. Bell
• HONR 4398.01: Honors Thesis I* (CRN 20307)	K. Bell
• HONR 4399.01: Honors Thesis II* (CRN 20308)	K. Bell

*Registration for thesis and independent study courses by permission of the Honors College Dean, honors@shsu.edu.

Spring Seminars

HONR 3322.01: Journeys- Engagement (CRN 20298) **W 4:00 PM - 6:50 PM** **J. Wozniak**

The SHSU motto is “A measure of a life is its service.” This Honors Seminar will expand the student’s appreciation and understanding of how to go beyond service and to engage with our community. Students will learn the theoretical framework of engaged learning, the various forms of community engagement, and the tools to harness the life-long benefits of experiential learning. This team-taught course will provide students with several different community engagement perspectives and opportunities. Students will venture beyond the university classroom to engage with the local community partners in a mutually beneficial educational experience. It is hoped that students will emerge from the class with an enhanced sense of place and an appreciation of cultural humanity.

HONR 3331.01: Culture and Society - The Future of Work (CRN 20301) **Online** **P. Lewis**

A university trains students in the fundamentals of a discipline rather than in the details of a particular job. In this online seminar, you will research your desired positions to better understand the specific requirements, preparations, and skills they require. You will investigate important aspects of these positions, such as salaries, market demands, and geographic hotspots, in the context of rapid technological advancement and shifting societal values. For example, how is advanced AI expected to impact your desired job? Are hybrid and remote positions available, and what tools are recommended for success in these emerging spaces? How can emotional intelligence, effective communication, and other soft skills aid advancement, resiliency, and long-term job satisfaction? Participants will explore these and many other topics related to the future of work from both personal and societal perspectives.

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HONR 3342.01: The Word - Money (CRN 20303)

W 3:00 PM - 5:50 PM

R. Milner

Unlock your financial potential with our comprehensive Honors Money Management course! This program covers essential skills including effective budgeting, smart car buying strategies, and savvy stock investing. Learn how to navigate the mortgage process and master the art of salary negotiation. Designed to empower you with practical knowledge and real-world applications, this course will equip you with the tools to make informed financial decisions and achieve your goals. We will bring in subject matter experts to create engaging discussions on many of these topics. Join us and take the first step towards financial confidence and success!

HONR 3342.02: The Word- Sam Houston (CRN 26166)

M 2:00 PM - 4:50 PM

R. Lewis

“Sam Houston: the Man, the Myth, the Legacy”

Sam Houston Museum

Sam Houston is not only a Texas hero, but he also played a large role on the national stage. This course will explore Sam Houston in the realms of politics and sectionalism, interpersonal relationships, diversity and racial matters, and maintaining personal integrity in difficult times. Students will also learn practical methods of presenting historical information through diverse viewpoints in a museum setting. Students will have the opportunity to engage in historical interpretation in a public venue as well as to conduct research utilizing primary documents and artifacts.

**M. Denham,
K. Gragert,
R. Norris**

HONR 3342.03: The Word - Fantasy (CRN 25216)

W 12:00 PM - 2:50 PM

For centuries, people have been captivated by tales of questing knights, fair ladies, and magical encounters; moreover, such settings and characters have served as fertile ground for cautionary tales and rich, societal commentary. Despite being separated by centuries, modern writers (and their listening and reading audiences) still grapple with philosophical and political questions under the guise of fantasy. What is it that makes the Fantasy genre ripe for critical societal commentary? In this course, we take a critical lens to modern Fantasy juggernauts: Lord of the Rings, Game of Thrones, and Harry Potter, and consider why these fantasy worlds have taken hold of our collective consciousness.

HONR 3365.01: Decision Making (CRN 26145)

T 11:00 AM - 1:50 PM

S. Koether

In today's complex world, the ability to make effective decisions is paramount. From selecting political representatives, heeding medical advice, or even choosing a meal, decisions have an impact, both large and small. This course delves into the intricate mechanisms and constraints behind decision-making and why even the brightest minds can sometimes arrive at incorrect conclusions. Students will cultivate a nuanced understanding of decision-making processes through interactive lectures, engaging discussions, and hands-on exercises. By exploring the interplay of worldview, bias, group dynamics, logic, and reason, participants will emerge equipped to navigate the complexities of decision-making with heightened awareness and discernment.

**M. Castanon,
S. Stokes**

HONR 3375.01: Emotional Insight (CRN 26146)

R 4:00 PM - 6:50 PM

In an increasingly complex and interconnected world, understanding and managing emotions—both our own and those of others—is crucial for success and fulfillment. This course delves into the transformative power of emotional insight, exploring how it can drive personal and professional growth. Students will examine theories and practices from psychology, neuroscience, and leadership studies through an interdisciplinary approach to develop a nuanced understanding of emotional intelligence. Key topics include emotional awareness and regulation, empathy and social skills, and conflict resolution. Students will engage in interactive discussions and reflective exercises to enhance their emotional competencies.