

Spring 2026 Nichols Honors Scholar Courses

Honors Scholar Courses are only open to students in the Nichols Honors Scholar program.

If you want to take an Honors Scholar Course as a non-Honors student, please speak with the instructor and then submit an [Honors Scholar Course Permission Form](#) to request a seat in the course.

COMM-481-01H Communication Across Disciplines Karol Gil-Vasquez W/F 12:15pm-1:30pm

Communication occurs across all disciplines, fields, and careers. This course will vary depending on the semester, addressing current issues within a specific field. Students will have the opportunity to learn about how communication impacts a particular discipline and/or how communication is used within a discipline. Through course discussion and application to real world situations, students will synthesize their understanding of communication and how it impacts human behavior and attitudes. Students will therefore develop and interdisciplinary background that enables them to evaluate information carefully and critically, effectively create messages for different contexts, and address a variety of purposes. *(Previously COMM 480)*

Prerequisite: COMM 247 & 60 credit hours completed

ENGL-345-02WH Non-Fiction Writing Nikki Anderson W/F 12:15pm-1:30pm

This is a writing workshop course in which students will explore their own experiences and ideas while learning how to effectively share those ideas with readers. The course will focus on writing experiences including autobiography, profiles of others, creative literary non-fiction, and pieces that relate to world events and the society and culture around us. In addition to extensive writing, students will read model essays.

Prerequisite: ENGL 105 or ENGL 112

ESCI-243-01AH Physical World & Lab Prajwal Panday T 12:15pm-1:30pm; W 8:30am-10:30am

An introduction to the environmental geologic forces and man's interaction with them. Concentrates on environmental management that reduces geologic hazards and sustains natural resources. Topics include coastal erosion, groundwater management, river flooding, earthquakes, volcanoes, glaciers, global warming, rock types, energy production, and global changes. Laboratory.

FIN-303-04H Financial Management Bryant Richards T/F 9:25am-10:40am

General principles of business finance focusing on markets, analysis, interest rates, the time value of money, the valuation of securities and capital allocation within the firm.

Prerequisite: ACCT 238; MATH 150 or MATH 253

HONR-480-01H Nichols Honors Seminar Nicholas Barnes M/W 10:50am-12:05pm

Upon successful completion of three (3) one credit special honors project /paper assignments within three courses with a semester grade of B+ or higher in each, a student will be eligible for invitation to the annual Nichols Honors Seminar – an interdisciplinary advanced course. The topic of the seminar will change from year to year.

HONR-481-01H Nichols Honors Thesis Kellie Deys M/W 10:50am-12:05pm

The capstone course is an opportunity for students to demonstrate that they have achieved the goals established by the Honors program of study. Student-driven in nature, this course allows students to research individual interests they have developed throughout the Honors program and their major course studies. Through drafting, workshopping, and conferencing with the instructor, students will refine their critical thinking, research, reading, writing, and presenting skills. By the end of the course, students will have written a polished, substantial paper which showcases their voice, style, and perspective. The course is open to Honors students who have completed at least 15 credits of course work in the program or with permission of the instructor.

MKCM-202-03H Principles of Marketing Funda Sarican M/W 12:15pm-1:30pm

A comprehensive introduction to the various facets of marketing in contemporary organizations. Topics include marketing strategy, product development, pricing, distribution channels, and promotion; as well as the environments in which marketers work in the United States and around the world.

PHIL-226-01H Life, Living, & the Afterlife Kellie Deys T/F 10:50am-12:05pm**PHIL-226-02H Life, Living, & the Afterlife Boyd Brown M/W 9:25am-10:40am**

What does it mean to live? How do we find meaning for ourselves? How do questions of ethics, values, and morality play a role? In this course, we will consider these and other questions related to our personal and shared sense of what living and life mean. We will look at recent television shows that have explored the meaning of living through images of the afterlife, literature that explores these large questions, and philosophical approaches to the meaning of life.

PSY-222-01H Psychology of Happiness Brian McCoy T/Th 9:25am-10:40am

What is happiness? We know it when we feel it, and certainly, when we do not. We want it for ourselves and for those we care about. Happiness can be our ultimate goal in life that motivates everything we do and gives life meaning. Yet despite our familiarity with the concept, happiness is misunderstood. This course applies scientific methods, models, and evidence to investigate happiness. The class is not meant as a recipe for happiness, but as an analytical study of how scholars struggle to define and study it.

If you have already taken these courses, or none of these courses fit your schedule, and you need an Honors course for this semester you can do an Honors Project. Speak with the instructor for one of your 300 or 400 level courses in Spring 2026 then submit an [Honors Scholar Course Project Petition](#) for approval.