



ENGLISH HONORS APPLICATION

THE PROGRAM

The English Honors Program (EHP) is a selective program for undergraduates majoring in English. More than a “thesis” program, the EHP helps students to develop advanced skills in writing, textual analysis, and research. Applications are evaluated by a committee of Honors faculty who select students on the basis of writing and “close reading” skills, instructor recommendations, grades, and intellectual potential. Applicants will be notified by Monday, March 30, 2009.

Students normally apply to the EHP in or before the end of the sophomore year and spend no fewer than 4 semesters in the program. Prior to applying to the program, please review additional informational materials on EHP, available online (www.utexas.edu/cola/depts/english/undergraduate/honors/) and in the English Advising Office (Parlin 114). Please direct any questions concerning the EHP application to the English Advising Office. You are also welcome to meet with the EHP Director, Dr. Janine Barchas.

INSTRUCTIONS

To apply to the English Honors Program, submit the following to Parlin 114 no later than **5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 13, 2009**:

- application form (this page)
- program planner (attached)
- critical paper of 4-6 pages that represents your best work in literary criticism/analysis
- one-page (double spaced) personal statement describing your academic background and interests, as well as what you hope to accomplish in the EHP
- two faculty recommendation forms (one must be from a professor of a UT-Austin English or Rhetoric & Writing course; one or both recommenders should be familiar with your writing; recommenders will submit the forms directly to Parlin 114)

INFORMATION

Name: _____ EID: _____

E-mail: _____ Telephone: _____

Address (including zip): _____

U.T. classroom credit hours: _____ Credit by exam or transfer hours: _____

Graduation date (spring semester only, circle one): May, 2011 May, 2012 May, 2013

UT GPA: _____ UT English GPA: _____

Faculty recommenders: _____

Have you applied to EHP before? _____ If so, when? _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

HONORS PROGRAM PLANNER

FUTURE SEMINARS (TENTATIVE)

As with all other course plans, honors seminar schedules often change. That said, below are some projected courses for upcoming semesters.

- Fall 2009: E 376L, Chaucer and Shakespeare (Area I, Pre-1800)
 E 374K, Elizabethan Poetry and Prose (Area II, Pre-1800)
 E 376L, Victorian Fiction and Children (Area III, Pre-1900)
 E 321K, Introduction to Criticism (Area IV)
- Spring 2010: E 379N, Major Authors: Oscar Wilde (Area I, Pre-1900)
 E 379N, Intersections of African Amer and Asian Amer Literatures (Area II)
 E 359, English Drama from 1660 to 1900 (Area III, Pre-1800)
 E 379N, Creation of the American Canon (Area V, Pre-1900)
- Fall 2010: Walt Whitman and Robert Frost (Area I, Pre-1900)
 Romanticism and the Gothic (Area II, Pre-1800)
 Epic to Mock-Epic (Area III, Pre-1800)
 Illustrating African American Literature (Area V)
- Spring 2011: Stoppard: Page, Stage, Screen (Area I)
 Africa and the Victorians (Area II, Pre-1900)
 Comic Novel of the 19th and 20th Centuries (Area III, Pre-1900)
 Sappho, Dido, and Heloise (Area V, Pre-1800)

PLANNER

Please complete the chart below using courses completed, current, or projected courses. Course offerings vary, but past English Area Lists (www.utexas.edu/cola/depts/english/courses/areas/) may be useful as a guide. Each row below represents one of the 11 courses required for the English major. Be sure to include three honors seminars in your plans. Three "historical" courses are also required (two of these must cover literature written prior to 1800, while the third covers literature written prior to 1900).

English Area?	Course	Honors Seminar? (3)	Pre-1800? (2)	Pre-1900? (1)	When? (semester)
lower	RHE 306, Rhetoric and Writing				
lower	E 316K, Masterworks of Literature				
lower					
Area I					
Area II					
Area III					
Area IV	E 679HA, Undergraduate Research & Writing (Thesis)				
Area V					
Area VI	E 679HB, Honors Tutorial Course (Thesis)				
upper					
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Signature: _____ Date: _____

FACULTY RECOMMENDATION

The English Honors Program seeks bright, creative, highly motivated students capable of thinking critically, working independently, and participating in challenging seminars. Students should be both intellectually mature and eager to plan, research, and write an undergraduate thesis. No more than 10% of English majors will be invited to participate in the program. Please evaluate the applicant's readiness for English Honors.

	Honors Star	Honors Match	Borderline Honors	Honors Potential	Not Honors
Intellect					
Academic Preparation					
Class Performance					
Work Ethic & Initiative					
Teachability					


In lieu of a letter of recommendation, please provide a brief response to the following:

1. Are there strengths and/or weaknesses that should be addressed?
2. What challenge(s) might this student face in our Honors Program?
3. What unique abilities, characteristics, or perspective might this student bring to the Honors Program?

SIGNATURE

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Brad Humphries (471-9928, jbh@mail.utexas.edu). Please return this form to the to **Parlin 114 or 120 by Friday, March 13, 2009.**

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