What courses are required for the English Honors Program (EHP)?

For students graduating under the 2010-2012 through 2014-2016 Undergraduate Catalogs, the following courses (and grades) are required:

- three or more upper-division English honors seminars (grade of at least B in each)
- English 679HA, Honors Tutorial Course (three credit hours; grade of at least B+)
- English 679HB, Honors Tutorial Course (three credit hours; grade of at least A-)

Additionally, students must satisfy the following requirements in order to graduate with English Honors:

- present and defend a thesis judged worthy of honors
- complete degree requirements with a 3.33 UT-Austin GPA and a 3.66 English GPA
- complete 60 hours in residence at UT-Austin

What if I’m eligible for an earlier Undergraduate Catalog, or have no idea what Catalog I’m following?

Please meet with an English Academic Advisor to discuss your Catalog options and related issues. In general, students who first matriculated at UT-Austin in the fall of 2010 or later must meet the requirements listed here.

How do EHP courses apply toward my major requirements?

EHP honors seminars are assigned to designated “areas” within the major, and may simultaneously fulfill EHP and English major requirements. English 679HA is applicable toward either the English Exploration or English Specialization area (C or J, respectively), while English 679HB may be counted for the Research Seminar requirement (Area I). Usually, other EHP seminars are chosen from Areas D, E, F, G, and H in order to facilitate degree completion.

When should I take these courses?

Two of the upper-division honors seminars must be completed prior to enrolling in the first half of the thesis course (679HA). Though students are encouraged to complete all honors seminars prior to the thesis year, one honors seminar may be taken concurrently with 679HA. English 679HA is offered only in the fall semester, with English 679HB offered in the subsequent spring.

There is no limit on the number of honors seminars an EHP student may take, space permitting. Ideally, an EHP student will take at least one honors seminar per semester through the fall of the thesis year.

Are there any other EHP obligations?

Yes. EHP is a community of scholars, and EHP students are expected to participate in that community. EHP students should attend EHP events, contribute to the program in and out of the classroom, and respond to inquiries from EHP faculty and staff.

How many semesters will I need to complete EHP? Are seminars offered in the summer?

EHP students must spend a minimum of four long semesters (fall/spring) in the program. EHP seminars are not offered in the summer semester.

Where can I get help with checking and planning my EHP coursework?

Please call 471-5736 and arrange to meet with Brad Humphries, who serves as advisor to EHP students.