HONORS PROGRAM

The Honors Program of Concordia University Chicago, inspired by Concordia's pillars of truth, freedom, and vocation provides students the opportunity of an exhilarating education formed by an immersion into the ongoing conversation with the greatest minds, both ancient and modern. As a Great Books program, the curriculum of the Honors Program shapes students in the use of critical thinking to engage the perennial questions and the seminal texts from the great conversation and pursuit of wisdom that stretches from the philosophers of antiquity to contemporary thinkers. While the honors curriculum leads students into conversation with the great tradition that we have inherited, the program is shaped by its ultimate end: truth, freedom, and vocation.

Honor Program Tracks

Modality: Face to Face

In order to better meet the needs of our student body, students may select from the following two Honors Program Tracks. The Honors Scholar Track and the Honors Associate Track.

Honors Scholar Track

The Honors Scholar Track is the intended path for Concordia's Honors Program as it affords students the opportunity to fully participate in the comprehensive honors curriculum. Students who complete the Honors Scholar Track will also receive a Great Books certificate of completion.

The Honors Scholar Track is designed to be a self-contained general education curriculum, with the exception of the Natural Sciences. The courses are designed to provide a formative learning experience for all students within the program. These courses are distinct from AP courses, dual credit classes, and other high school courses that earn college credit. For this reason, the Honors Program limits the number of credits that students may transfer into the program. Students in the Honors Scholars Track are limited to the following:

- Any science credit may be transferred (7–8 hours)
- Foreign Language courses may be transferred up to 8 hours (through AP and CLEP exams)
- 9 additional credits may be transferred except for the following Honors courses: CHP-1300, CHP-2050, CHP-2150, CHP-2200.

Course requirements:

Code	Title	Hours
Communications		
CHP-1500	Seminar on Great Texts of Literature: Prudence and Folly; Justice and Selfishness (Communications ENG-1100 (requires all three courses CHP-1500, CHP-1600 and CHP-1700)	1
CHP-1600	Seminar on Great Texts of Literature: Courage and Cowardice,Temperance and Licentiousness (Communications for ENG-1100)	1
CHP-1700	Seminar on Great Texts of Literature: Faith, Hope, and Love; Unbelief, Despair, and Hate (Communications for ENG-1100)	1
CHP-1900	Classical Literature: Epics (Communication for ENG-2000)	3
CHP-1000	Logic and Rhetoric (Communication for COM-1100)	3
Humanities courses		
CHP-1300	The Experience of Beauty (Fine Arts and Humanities)	3
CHP-2050	Ethics (Humanities)	3
CHP-2150	Metaphysics (Humanities)	3
Social Behavior Science		
CHP-1450	From Mind to Machine: A Brief History of Soul	3
CHP-1800	The History of Economic Thought (Social/ Behavioral Science)	3
CHP-2100	History of Political Thought (Social/ Behavioral Science)	3
Mathematics		
CHP-1250	Mathematics Through the Ages (Mathematics) *	3
One course in Life or Physical Science must include a lab		
Physical Science select one		*4*
EAS-1105	Elements of Earth Science (With Lab)	
CHE-1110	Consumer Chemistry (With Lab)	
CHE-2000	Chemistry in the World Today	
CHE-2100	Health Science Applications in Chemistry	
CHE-2200	Fundamentals of Chemistry (With Lab)	
NSCI-1200	Concepts in Life and Physical Science (With Lab)	
NSCI-1970	Energy and Our Environment (With Lab)	
NSCI-1981	Introduction to Sustainability (With Lab)	
PHY-1110	Physics of Things We Use (With Lab)	
PHY-2121	Elementary Physics I (With Lab)	
PHY-2122	Elementary Physics II (With Lab)	
Life Science select one		*3-4*
BIO-1201	Biology in the World Today (With Lab)	
BIO-1500	Medical Terminology	
BIO-2500	Fundamentals of Microbiology (With Lab)	
NSCI-1970	Energy and Our Environment (With Lab)	
Theology		
CHP-2000	History and Theology of the New Testament (Theology:Biblical Studies)	3
CHP-2200	Foundations in Christian Theology (Theology: Christian Doctrine)	3
Foreign Languages		6-8 hours
Total:		49-52

* Students in programs that require specific math courses can substitute this course.

Honors Associate Track

The Honors Associate Track is designed for transfer students and students whose programs may not afford the flexibility to participate in the Honors Scholars Track. Students on the Honors Associate Track follow the General Education curriculum (https://catalog.cuchicago.edu/undergraduate/college-theology-arts-humanities/bachelor-arts-ba/

bachelor-arts-degree-requirements/). They may transfer as many credit hours towards the satisfaction of the curriculum requirements as the university allows. Students on the Honors Associate Track must still complete the 19 hours of Honors courses listed below. The Honors Associate Track consists of the following courses:

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
CHP-1300	The Experience of Beauty (Fine Arts)	3
CHP-2050	Ethics (Humanities)	3
CHP-2150	Metaphysics (Humanities)	3
CHP-2200	Foundations in Christian Theology (Theology: Christian Doctrine)	3
Elective Course: Select 1 hour from the following:		1
CHP-1500	Seminar on Great Texts of Literature: Prudence and Folly; Justice and Selfishness	
CHP-1600	Seminar on Great Texts of Literature: Courage and Cowardice,Temperance and Licentiousness	
CHP-1700	Seminar on Great Texts of Literature: Faith, Hope, and Love; Unbelief, Despair, and Hate	
Select 6 hours from any of the following :		6
CHP-1000	Logic and Rhetoric (Communications : COM-1100)	
CHP-1250	Mathematics Through the Ages (Mathematics)	
CHP-1450	From Mind to Machine: A Brief History of Soul	
CHP-1800	The History of Economic Thought (Social/ Behavioral Sciences)	
CHP-1900	Classical Literature: Epics (Communications : ENG-2000)	
CHP-2000	History and Theology of the New Testament (Theology:Biblical Studies)	
CHP-2100	History of Political Thought (Social/ Behavioral Sciences)	
Total Hours		19

Since the full series of Honors Courses count as a substitute for the General Education curriculum, students on the Honors Associate Track will need to ensure that they complete the following General Education requirements:

- Theology University Requirements (6 hours)
- Communication (9 hours)
- Humanities (9 hours)
- Social/Behavior Sciences (9 hours)
- Mathematics (3 hours)
- Physical and Life Sciences (7–8 hours)

Students Transferring in with an Associate's Degree

Transfer students who have completed an associate degree only need to complete the following:

Code	Title	Hours
CHP-1300	The Experience of Beauty (Humanities:Fine Arts)	3
CHP-2050	Ethics (Humanities)	3
CHP-2150	Metaphysics (Humanities)	3
CHP-2200	Foundations in Christian Theology (Theology: Christian Doctrine)	3
Total Hours		12

For more information on the General Education curriculum, please see, https://catalog.cuchicago.edu/undergraduate/college-health-science-technology/bachelor-arts-ba/bachelor-arts-degree-requirements/