

## **Fall Courses**

### **First Year Seminar**

**FYS 101 – HN1** (First Year Seminar for Honors), with **Professors John Garcia** (The course will ask students to consider what they take to be the great challenges facing their generation. Then, students will learn how the various academic disciplines would each approach these problems, learning how to do basic research from the perspectives of the Liberal Arts, the Social Sciences, and the Physical Sciences. The goal will be to develop our ability to see these problems through different lenses, while also thinking about what it means to be an Honors student and how the academic thinking we will do might connect to our lives beyond Harper. Note: This course is reserved for students in their first semester at Harper College. **MW 2 pm – 3:15 pm** **CRN 35035**

### **Courses that fill the Communications General Education Requirement**

**ENG 101 - HN1** (Composition I) with **Professor Alicia Tomasian** In this course students will learn how to craft persuasive arguments using modern and classical understandings of rhetoric. The class will use debate and discussion to explore issues that matter today. Reading and writing assignments will focus on arguments about critical and controversial issues. Rather than asking students to absorb or expand on these works, students will be encouraged to contradict and to critically examine statements by figures of authority. **MW 12:30 pm – 1:45 pm** **CRN 31725**

**SPE 101 - HN1** (Speech), with **Professor Jeff Przybylo**, will allow students to discover the power of effective communication. A 2015 Pew Research study found that communication, critical thinking and teamwork are among the top 5 skills those that do the hiring for companies are looking for. Emphasis will be placed on delivery, organization, research, audience analysis, and argumentation. However, honors students will also work in teams to plan, rehearse and revise their presentations. Working in small groups enables students to not only gain knowledge and experience in public speaking, but also leadership, conflict management, interpersonal communication and teamwork. Honors Speech focuses on overall communication and not just presentational skills.

**Tuesday nights, 6pm – 8:40 pm** (course is full – offered during day in Spring)

### **Courses that Count toward the Humanities Gen.-Ed. Requirement**

**HUM/HST 105 - HN1** (Great Ideas of World Civilization), with **Brett Fulkerson-Smith** This is the Honors Colloquium class. This course is required for all Honors students who wish to acquire Honors Program Graduation status. Students will survey primary sources from various academic disciplines. (course is full – we will have a day time and an evening section in Spring)

**PHI 205 – HN 1**(Religions of the World), with **Professor Michael Horton**. Religions are everywhere and affect every aspect of all our lives. To understand something so complicated and so dynamic—so alive—requires going beyond creeds and dogmas. We will take an interdisciplinary approach to answering questions such as: How might religion and politics interact in other parts of the world? How might religious language differ from ordinary language? What social movements arose out of religion? How do religions change over time and in different cultures? Our studies and interactions will not end at the classroom door. Studying phenomena without boundaries requires our perspectives to do the same.  
\*Fulfills the World Cultures and Diversity Requirement. **TR 9:30 am – 10:45 am** **CRN 35949**

**LIT 112/ HST 112** (Literature and History of the Holocaust)

**With Professors Leslye Smith and Kurt Hemmer**

This course is a Learning Community, which means you take two course back to back, with the instructors and students there the whole time, and the material from the two courses is integrated together. Students in this class will look at depictions of the Holocaust in Literature and Film, as well as the historical accounts. You will even have the opportunity to make your own student films.

**MW 11 am – 12:15 and 12:30 – 1:45 pm** **CRN 36918 and 36919**

### **Courses that Count toward the Social and Behavioral Sciences Gen.-Ed. Requirement**

**GEG 103 – HB 1** (The Developing World), with Professor Veronica Mormino. Honors Geography 103 is a survey of the less-developed regions of the world, the places we hear about in the news almost every day. These regions include East, South, and Southeast Asia, Latin America, North Africa, Southwest Asia, and Sub-Saharan Africa. Students will delve into the geographical nuances of these developing countries and their people. The course will examine each region via case studies, illustrating current geographic themes, concepts, and issues of the day, including population change, environmental degradation, economic development, geopolitical conflict, and cultural perceptions. Students will pay special attention to current events and discuss them in class. They will explore these developing realms by working on projects of interest, such as hunger and poverty in developing countries. The class will also participate in a field trip during the semester to a relevant museum. Students will have the opportunity to try ethnic foods and enjoy exposure to new cultures and music. (This is a blended course, which means you'll meet one day a week instead of two, and do more work online.)

**Thurs. 2 - 3:15 p.m.** **CRN 37079**

**PSC 101 – HN1** (American Politics and Government), with **Professor Bobby Summers**. The course explores the issues of today as well as the challenges that confronted the founding fathers. Students will consider the constitutional foundations of American government, the structure of federalism, as well as the inner workings of the courts, the Congress, and the presidency. By tracking current elections and politics, we will discuss the roles played by political parties, special-interest groups, public opinion, and elections. Finally, we'll examine some of the policy dilemmas confronted by American government today and yesterday, including civil liberties, civil rights, foreign policy, and economic regulation. In addition to the material presented by the instructor, students will select and lead classroom discussions from supplemental historical and contemporary readings. **Mondays 6 pm – 8:40 pm** **CRN 37078**

**PSY 101 - HN1** (Introduction to Psychology), with **Professor Kirsten Matthews**, will explore the theme of conformity/compliance as a major source of evil in society and will pay special attention to social psychology and the psychology of women. **TR 12:30 – 1:45 CRN 32778**

### **Courses that Count toward the Physical Sciences Gen.-Ed. Requirement**

**AST 101 – HN 1** (Astronomy), with **Professor Bhasker Moorthy**. In Honors Astronomy, students try to make the study of the heavens more personal through the use of more observatory sessions, planetarium visits, and special off-campus lectures. In addition, the students become involved in a research project that concentrates on a particular aspect of astronomy and that helps them develop self-confidence in their understanding of science. Finally, the close interaction between the instructor and student helps promote a better awareness of how the study of astronomy can influence our everyday lives.

Note: this class fulfills the lab requirement for science. 4 credit hours.

**Mon (lab) 3:00-4:50 and Tue & Thu 3:30-4:45 CRN 36724**

**CHM 121 -** (General Chemistry), with **Professor Andy Kidwell**, will offer an innovative, hands-on approach to chemistry instruction by having students apply principles of general chemistry to such contemporary issues as global warming. Note: this class fulfills the lab requirement for science. (5 credit hours) There are two sections of this course:

**CHM 121 HN 1 CRN 32238**  
**Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30 – 10:45 (lecture) +**  
**Mondays, 9:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. (9:30 – 10:20, discussion and 10:30 – 1:15, lab)**

**CHM 121 – HN2 CRN 34086**  
**Tuesdays and Thursdays 2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. (lecture) +**  
**Wednesdays 2:00 pm – 4:45 p.m. (lab) & Mondays 3:30 – 4:20 (discussion)**

### **Classes that Count Toward the Math Gen. Ed. Requirement**

**MTH 200 - HN 1**(Calculus with Analytic Geometry I), with **Professor Kyle Knee**. Calculus is a subject rich with beautiful applications in many areas of science, technology and engineering. In our honors section of Calculus I, we will be introduced to and investigate the three ideas that constitute the basis for our single variable real analysis – the limit, the derivative, and the integral. Although the applications are vast, we will develop the concepts with enough mathematical rigor to emphasize the logical framework, to then apply that framework to an ample number of applications to fully appreciate the richness of Calculus' utility. (5 credit hours)

**Monday – Friday 8 am – 8:50 am CRN 34638**

**MTH 165 - HB 1**(Elementary Statistics), with **Professor Kimberly Polly**. If you are not likely to be pursuing majors that require Calculus, you might be more interested in Statistics as an important Math course. You can place into this course after Math 080 or 082, or with a Math ACT of 22. The course focuses on mathematical reasoning and the solving of real-life problems in statistics, rather than on routine skills. Computer labs using statistical software packages are incorporated throughout course. This course will use a “flipped” classroom model, in which in-class work will focus on discussions after students do work at home to prepare for them, to introduce students to descriptive and inferential statistics through real-world examples. (4 credit hours) (note – this is a blended course, so additional work is done online) **MW 9 – 9:50 am** **CRN 35902**

### **Expected Courses for Spring 2018**

**Anthropology 101 – Helmet Publ**

**Art 105 - Charles Roderick**

**Sociology 101 (evenings) – Monica Edwards**

**English 102 – Instructor to be determined**

**Psychology 216 (Child Psychology) – Kirsten Matthews**

**Physics 201 – Maggie Geppert**

**Geography 111/112 (Physical Geography with lab) – Mukila Maitha**

**Philosophy 232 (Modern Philosophy) – Brett Fulkerson-Smith**

**Chemistry 122 – Daniel Ranieri**

**Math 201 (CHEM II) – Kyle Knee**

**Humanities/History 105 (Great Ideas course) – 2 sections — instructors TBD**

**Speech 101 – (Instructors to be determined)**

**Biology 130 (Microbiology) – Katie Hollis**

**Mass Communication 200 (History of Film) – Brian Shelton (class not confirmed yet)**

**Economics 212 (Macroeconomics) – Getachew Begashaw (class not confirmed yet)**

**Study Abroad Trip – Travel to Central America and earn three Honors credits (apply in fall)**