

HONR 4890C - Senior Honors Thesis: Capstone

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Course Description

4890C. Senior Honors Thesis: Capstone. Directed research for students pursuing senior honors thesis research. Prereq.: Junior status; completion of 18 s.h. of Honors coursework; submission of an approved Honors thesis proposal; and permission of the honors director. May be repeated for up to 3 s.h. 1-3 s.h.

The senior honors capstone seminar (HONR 4890C) is a one-credit seminar that allows students to earn capstone credit towards their honors requirement. The design of this course provides students with an opportunity to comprehensively reflect upon their undergraduate education and honors experiences while preparing them to enter the workforce or graduate study. A variety of topics will be covered to assist students in establishing a strong portfolio to take with them as they begin application and interview processes. This course is completely asynchronous except for midterm meetings and the final project, an oral mock interview session. All assignments can be found on Blackboard.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Optional	No Readings	N/A	N/A

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The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24	Syllabus and Weekly Schedule	Review the Blackboard course, syllabus, and weekly schedule. Introduce the Future Graduate School and Workplace Investigation assignment. Review Professional Headshot Bonus assignment	Future Graduate School and Workplace Investigations (Due Sunday, August 30th by 11:59 PM)
8/31	None	Overview of Final Honors Capstone Project.	Begin working on Final Honors Capstone Project.
9/7	None	Review research and scholarship resources on campus. Overview of Honors Pillar Reflection 1: Research and Scholarship.	Honors Pillar Reflection 1: Research and Scholarship (Due Sunday, September 13th by 11:59 PM)

9/14	None	Review Office of Career Exploration and Development resources on campus. Overview of Professional Portfolio Assignment.	Begin working on Professional Portfolio Assignment.
9/21	None	Reminder of Office of Career Exploration and Development resources on campus. Continue working on Professional Portfolio Assignment.	Professional Portfolio (Due Sunday, September 27th by 11:59 PM)
9/28	None	Review student activities and campus recreation resources on campus. Overview of Honors Pillar Reflection 2: Leadership and Involvement.	Honors Pillar Reflection 2: Leadership and Involvement (Due Sunday, October 4th by 11:59 PM)
10/5	None	Final Honor Capstone Project Work Session	Continue working on Final Honor Capstone Project
10/12	None	Tressel Institute for Leadership and Teamwork Mission Overview of the My Financial Game Plan (MFGP) Badge assignment. Introduction of Peer Coach	Schedule MFGP badge meeting with Peer Coach
10/19	None	Schedule and attend peer coach meeting.	Schedule MFGP badge meeting with Peer Coach
10/26	None	Schedule and attend peer coach meeting.	My Financial Game Plan Badge (Due Sunday, November 1st by 11:59 PM)
11/2	None	Review community engagement resources on campus. Overview of Honors Pillar Reflection 3: Community Engagement.	Honors Pillar Reflection 3: Community Engagement (Due Sunday, November 8th by 11:59 PM)
11/9	None	Introduce Time Capsule Assignment	Begin working on Time Capsule Assignment
11/16	None	Continue working on Time Capsule Assignment	Time Capsule Assignment (Due Sunday, November 22nd by 11:59 PM)
11/23	No Class		
11/30	None	Review of rubric for Final Honors Capstone Project.	Final Honors Capstone Project (Due Friday, December 4th by 11:59 PM) Bonus Professional Headshot (Due Friday, December 4th by 11:59 PM)
12/7	No Class		

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