English Honors Track

The University Honors Program consists of an interdisciplinary colloquium (typically HON 491 or HON 291 as appropriate), an optional research methods course (HON 495) focused on writing a Senior Honors Project Proposal, and two semesters of independent study with a faculty advisor (HON 496) to complete a Senior Honors Project.

Students must produce a proposal that is approved by the student’s faculty mentor and Mānoa Honors Program before registering for HON 496.

Students are required to take HON 494 (zero credits) to accompany their first semester of the HON 496 series. This course is a companion course that is designed to assist students in their research/creative writing work with their mentor and refresh their understanding of deadlines, criteria, etc. in Honors.

English students wishing to undertake Honors work should apply to the Honors Program with three full semesters remaining in their academic journey after advising conversation with the director of the undergraduate program in English.

Honors students have a choice between taking HON 491 or HON 291 (depending on the topic, this may count as an English elective with the discretion of the English undergraduate director) OR any English “Studies” course. English “studies” courses that students want to count toward Honors will need to add a reflective essay component on archives and methods to their final paper (after discussion with course instructor).

REQUIREMENTS:

1. HON 491/HON 291 (WI, credits) OR an ENG “Studies” course with added Honors component (can be taken any semester)
2. Submission of Honors proposal (with two full semesters remaining): students may take HON 495 (WI/O)
3. HON 494 (four module, online/asynchronous course, zero credits)
4. HON 496 (6 total credits, WI)

The Honors student still completes 33 credits in English for the English major.

Students are expected to fulfill the other requirements for Honors, such as a presentation at the undergraduate showcase.