

Welcome to Honors 110: Honors Interdisciplinary Freshman Seminar

<http://www.uncw.edu/honors/current-honors110.htm>

Fall 2009 Seminar Instructors:

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The University of North Carolina at Wilmington is a public comprehensive university dedicated to excellence in teaching, scholarship and artistic achievement, and service. UNCW's mission statement calls upon its faculty "to stimulate intellectual curiosity, imagination, rational thinking, and thoughtful expression" across all disciplines and professional fields. It also stresses the prime importance of undergraduate teaching.

With that in mind, the purpose of the honors freshman seminar is not only to explore the campus, but also to delve into the nature of the university and what the "life of the mind" is about. How will a liberal arts education change you and affect your future? This is also a chance to learn about how a seminar operates, to research a topic in depth, and to explore how you will get the most from your years here. The class is designed to introduce honors students to the college experience by direct involvement in scholarship, service and leadership activities. This class format includes guest speakers, workshops/ field experiences, collaborative learning and independent scholarship. There is an emphasis on discussion and there are required student projects.

To explore these topics, we will spend class time in various ways. Class meets from at 12:30 to 1:45 Tuesday and Thursday. Some days we will meet together in **Morton Hall Auditorium** (Room100) and some days in **your seminar rooms**.

Dates and Topics/Locations:

Tuesdays		Thursdays	
		<i>August 20</i>	Morton Hall: Intro to HON 110
<i>August 25</i>	<i>Your Seminar Room</i>	<i>August 27</i>	Your Seminar Room
<i>September 1</i>	Your Seminar Room	<i>September 3</i>	Your Seminar Room
<i>September 8</i>	Your Seminar Room	<i>September 10</i>	Morton Hall: Meet Chancellor DePaolo
<i>September 15</i>	Your Seminar Room	<i>September 17</i>	Your Seminar Room
<i>September 22</i>	Workshops	<i>September 24</i>	Workshops
<i>September 29</i>	Your Seminar Room	<i>October 1</i>	Your Seminar Room
<i>October 6</i>	Fall Break in DC	<i>October 8</i>	Morton Hall: Honors Discussion/ Advising
<i>October 13</i>	Your Seminar Room: Dream Jobs	<i>October 15</i>	Your Seminar Room: Dream Jobs
<i>October 20</i>	Your Seminar Room: Dream Jobs	<i>October 22</i>	Morton Hall: Meet Honors Alums
<i>October 27</i>	Your Seminar Room	<i>October 29</i>	Morton Hall: Meet a Professor: International Connection/ Study Abroad
<i>November 3</i>	Your Seminar Room	<i>November 5</i>	Morton Hall: Schweitzer Presentation
<i>November 10</i>	Your Seminar Room	<i>November 12</i>	Your Seminar Room
<i>November 17</i>	Your Seminar Room	<i>November 19</i>	Your Seminar Room
<i>November 24</i>	Your Seminar Room	<i>November 26</i>	Thanksgiving HOLIDAY
<i>December 1</i>	Your Seminar Room	<i>December 6</i>	Final "exam" holiday gathering- 4-6 pm

ASSIGNMENTS:

- Read the description of what seminars are. *Bring at least one typed comment or question to class Aug 25.*
<http://uncw.edu/honors/honors110/seminar.htm>
- Review the syllabus for your section. Think about which workshops you want to sign up for.
- Prepare a 3 slide (max!) powerpoint about yourself--- one that will introduce you to your instructor, links, and classmates. Bring it to class on a flash drive or email it to yourself. Instructions at <http://people.uncw.edu/bruce/HON110/powerpoint mini.htm>
- Review *A long way gone* and be ready to discuss it on Aug 25, 27 and/or Sept 1.

Meet a Professor and Honors Alum Discussions:

We have invited professors to talk with you about their views of learning, the university, and “the life of the mind”. All feature question and answer sessions.

- *Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo*, professor of English, will discuss her views about the importance of the university and her vision for UNCW.
- *Dr. Denise DePuccio*, international programs and foreign languages professor, will talk with you about being a global citizen and opportunities for study abroad, along with *Drs. Patricia Comeaux*, Communication Studies or *Jim Herstine*, Health and Applied Human Sciences, about the honors semester at University of Swansea in Wales.
 - *Dr. Maria Sabella Sorg, DVM*, Honors Alum/ BA Chemistry, '97. Currently veterinarian in Hampstead, NC.
 - *Ms. Rebekah Brasso, MS*, Honors Alum/BS Biology, '04. Currently PhD student and former college lecturer.

Workshop Descriptions: Readings will be announced in small groups. You will each attend two. Workshops will be held Sept 22 and 24.

A. *Library Resources*: Overview of library resources and search engines.

B. *Alcohol Awareness and Issues*: Meet with Crossroads staff to learn more about alcohol and other drugs, campus policies, etc.

C. *Career Services*: Counselors discuss major and career decision-making, internships, and resumes.

D. *UNCW Volunteers!/ Leadership Opportunities*: Meet with Center for Leadership Education and Service staff to discuss service opportunities and leadership characteristics.

E. *Managing Stress in the First Semester*: UNCW Counseling Center staff present a workshop on the first semester balancing act.

F. *Diversity/Equality Issues*: Meet with the leaders of the campus diversity program and learn what UNCW's diversity initiatives are about.

G. *Healthy Intimate Relationships*: Meet with staff from the campus CARE Office to discuss how to foster healthy and safe intimate relationships.

H. *Sex and Wellness*: Meet with staff from Health Promotion office for an open discussion on sexual wellness.

I. *CSURF: National Scholarships & Fellowships and Undergraduate Research*: Meet with faculty who mentor students through the process of Fulbright Fellowships, Hollings Scholarships, British Marshall, Truman, etc, for tips on how to begin to prepare. Meet with faculty who mentor students in research. How can you begin now?

Cultural and Service Requirements:

All freshmen honors scholars are required to participate in and react to at least 4 hours of volunteer service activities through UNCW or in the Wilmington area (2 different types). Your seminar instructor will have specifics on this. All freshmen honors scholars are required to participate in and react to at least 3 different cultural activities at UNCW or in the Wilmington area during the fall semester and at least 2 different cultural activities during the spring semester. Your seminar instructors have specifics on this.

Have a great semester!