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1. Mission of the College

“The mission of Louisiana College is to provide liberal arts, professional, and graduate programs characterized by devotion to the preeminence of the Lord Jesus, allegiance to the authority of the Holy Scriptures, dedication to academic excellence for the glory of God, and commitment to change the world for Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

2. Purpose of the Honors Program

The purpose of the Honors Program is to further the vision of Louisiana College of preparing graduates and transforming lives while supporting the mission of Louisiana College “to provide liberal arts, professional, and graduate programs characterized by devotion to the preeminence of the Lord Jesus, allegiance to the authority of the Holy Scriptures, dedication to academic excellence for the glory of God, and commitment to change the world for Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

The Honors Program will fulfill this purpose by providing an honors experience integrated throughout the core liberal arts curriculum, supplemented by honors colloquia, and one division-specific experience based course that will be contracted with individual faculty culminating in a C. S. Lewis Honors Program Forum.
3. **Program Participation**

a. **Admission**

i. Incoming freshman with a 28 or above on the ACT (or equivalent SAT or CLT) are automatically enrolled in the program. Should the student not wish to participate in the program they will need to fill out a withdraw form, which may be found in the office of the program director.

ii. Louisiana College students who do not meet the above criteria may petition the C. S. Lewis Honors council for admittance into the program. To qualify students must have completed at least one semester and no more than two at Louisiana College and have a local GPA of at least 3.70. To petition the honors council students must fill out a C. S. Lewis Entrance Petition Form with attached unofficial transcript, have all current and past LC professors as well as the Dean of Students and the Director of Academic Integrity fill out a recommendation form, and electronically submit a writing sample of 1000-1500 words. All of this information is due to the office of the program director by the last day to withdraw from courses with a ‘W.’ Decisions will be delivered two weeks later. –Please see “Checklist for Students Petitioning for entrance into the C. S. Lewis Honors Program” in Appendix 1

iii. Transfer students from other Honors programs will be considered on a case-by-case basis. These transfer students will be required to fill out a C. S. Lewis Entrance Petition Form with attached unofficial transcript, have all honors instructors from the previous institution fill out a recommendation form, and electronically submit
b. Continuance

To continue in the program students must maintain a 3.00 cumulative GPA and may not receive a grade below a “C” in any honors courses. The Registrar will verify students’ eligibility to remain in the honors program at the end of every semester. Students who earn less than a “C” in any honors course will receive a letter notifying them that they have been dropped from the program. Students whose cumulative GPA falls below 3.0, will receive a letter notifying them that they have been placed on probation in the program and have one semester to achieve the minimum GPA requirement. After one semester on probation, students who have failed to earn the 3.0 GPA requirement will receive a letter notifying them that they have been dismissed from the program.

Additional grounds for dismissal are as follows:

1. Fails to participate satisfactorily in the Honor’s Colloquium Courses

2. Fails to comply with the codes of student conduct as stated in the Louisiana College Handbook.

3. Does not comply with the LC statement on academic integrity.

4. Exhibits emotional or personal problems that interfere with interpersonal relationships in class or program activities. That student will be advised of such problems. After counseling with faculty and/or the Director of the Program and/or VPAA, the student may be referred for additional counseling.
Unless the student follows through with counseling and improvement of behavior, the student will face dismissal from the program.

Note: Should students be removed from the program their scholarships will likely be affected.

c. Appeal

Upon receipt of the letter terminating participation in the program, students who believe that special circumstances warrant an exception to this policy may file a written appeal with the Honors Council. The appeal should be in the form of a letter submitted to the Honors Council through the Director of the Honors Program explaining the situation and providing documentation of extenuating circumstances. The appeal must be filed at least seven calendar days prior to the beginning of the semester in which the student seeks re-admittance to the honors program. The Honors Council makes final decisions on such appeals.

d. Withdraw

Any student wishing to withdraw from the C. S. Lewis Honors Program must fill out a withdraw form found in the office of the program director. Should students wish to re-enroll in the program after withdraw they must do so in writing at least fourteen calendar days before the start of the semester. Students may not sit out a semester (summer terms are not included) and seek remittance.

Note: Should students withdraw from the program their scholarships will likely be affected.
4. Curriculum

The CS Lewis Honors Scholars Program curriculum\textsuperscript{1,2} includes the following course requirements:

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<td>Honors’ Colloquia - 3 hours total, taken from</td>
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<td>HN 100, 101, 200, 201, 300, 301 (1/2-hour colloquium credit each),</td>
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<td>302-304 (1 hour colloquium credit each),</td>
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<td>and 305 (3 hour colloquium credit each),</td>
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<td>RL 103- The Biblical Story: Old Testament (3 hour credit)</td>
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<td>RL 104- Survey of the New Testament – Honors (3 hour credit)</td>
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<td>EN 205- Honors World Literature\textsuperscript{3} (3 hour credit)</td>
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<td>HI 204- Honors World History\textsuperscript{3} (3 hour credit)</td>
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<td>AR/CH 370- The Science and Art of Light (3 hour credit)</td>
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<td>PI 304- Christian Faith and Values, Honors (3 hour credit)</td>
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In their senior year, honors’ students are required to present a proposal to the director for and enroll in a three-hour course (minimum) relating to their major. This course must be an internship, a project, or a thesis course, must be approved by a subcommittee of the Honor Council, be interdisciplinary in nature, and have a culminating written component that can be presented in the C. S. Lewis Honors Program Forum. Details relating to procedures may be found in section 5 of the C. S. Lewis Honors Handbook.
**Relation of Honors Courses to the Central Curriculum**

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¹ All honors courses are for C. S. Lewis Honors students in good standing only, except for HN 302-304 where honors students are given priority. Non-honors students may participate in HN 302-304 to fill needed numbers at the discretion of the director and instructor.

² Should a student fail an honors course and be removed from the program they may NOT repeat the course. The grade stands on the transcript and the equivalent non-honors course(s) must be taken to fulfill the central curriculum requirement.

³ EN 205 and HI 204 are intended to be taken together in the same semester.

⁴ Should student fail HI 204 and be permanently removed from the program they must take both HI 101 and 102 to fulfill the central curriculum requirements.

⁵ Should student fail AR 370 and be permanently removed from the program they must take a fine arts course to fulfill the central curriculum requirements.

⁶ Should student fail CH 370 and be permanently removed from the program they must take a natural science and lab to fulfill the central curriculum requirements.

⁷ The decision to take this course as CH or AR is left to the student and the student’s advisor. If taken as AR it will fulfill the central curriculum requirement for fine arts. If taken as CH it will fulfill the central curriculum requirement for a natural science lecture and lab.
5. **Travel Opportunities and Policies**

Students may have the opportunity to travel and/or study abroad because of participation in the C. S. Lewis Honors Program.

There are four 300 level travel courses that may be taken by honors students to partially or completely fulfill the honors colloquium requirement. They may also be taken as electives.

HN 302: A course that includes an emphasis on travel within the state of Louisiana or the south to investigate culture, to provide academic, cultural, and spiritual enrichment. Will include a service-learning component.

HN 303: A course that includes an emphasis on travel within the United States or North America, to provide academic, cultural, and spiritual enrichment. Will include a service-learning component.

HN 304: A course that includes an emphasis on International Travel, to provide academic, cultural, and spiritual enrichment. Will include a service-learning component.

HN 305: A course facilitated through the CCCU “Best Semester, Oxford Summer Program” that utilizes lecture, seminar, and tutorial formats and takes place in Oxford, England.

The CCCU also has a variety of opportunities in addition to the Oxford Summer Program in which C. S. Lewis Honors Scholar Students may participate. More information may be found at this web address: https://bestsemester.com/. These programs would likely include college credits, which may transfer for major, minor, or elective credit.
Below are the student responsibilities related to C.S. Lewis Honors Program travel.

- Students are responsible for all expenses related to travel, food, tours, course fees, etc.
- All fees and required travel monies must be paid before the start of the course.
- All Louisiana College school policies apply during student travel associated with the honors program or its course work, i.e. no alcohol, tobacco free, etc. Refer to LC student handbook Code of Conduct.
- If a student is dismissed, the student is responsible for making immediate return travel arrangements and is responsible for any additional cost or fees.
- Students are responsible for compliance with all verbal and written instructions of any faculty leader during student travel associated with the honors program or its course work.

6. **Senior Thesis/Project/Internship**

Students with their project advisor(s) will work to create a proposal to be submitted to the Honors Council Subcommittee for Approval. This proposal must include the scope of work to be undertaken and must have a component that is interdisciplinary in nature. All must include a written component totaling no fewer than 1500 words.

This proposal must be submitted a year before presentation at the Forum. All paperwork is due on the last Friday in February. A subcommittee of the Honors Council will convene the second Friday in March to approve or recommend revision of all submitted proposals. Should the committee recommend revisions those revisions will be due the last Friday in March. If there is a need, the sub-committee
will reconvene to consider these revisions the first Friday in April. Further resubmission dates will be at the discretion of the sub-committee.

It is suggested that students do this work in the summer after their junior year and/or fall of their senior year, so that last minute revisions may be made before presentation at the C. S. Lewis Honors Forum in the spring of the senior year. For more information, please see the check-list in Appendix 2.

Students wishing to graduate in December must present at the Forum in the spring before graduation.

7. **Description of C. S. Lewis Honors Program Forum**

The C. S. Lewis Program Forum will be held the last week of March or the first week of April each year beginning in 2021 and will include the presentation of projects by C. S. Lewis Honors Program Students. Students in agreement with their advisor may 1) Read their paper, 2) Give a 10-15-minute power point presentation over their project, or 3) Read a short artists statement with presentation of some musical, theatrical, or artistic work totaling no fewer than 10 minutes but no longer than 15-minutes.

8. **Graduation**

Students who successfully complete all of the requirements of the C. S. Lewis Honors Scholars Program will receive an honors seal on their diploma and will be given a medallion to wear at graduation.
9. Appendix 1- Check-list for Students Petitioning for entrance into the C. S. Lewis Honors Program

☐ Fill out the on-line Google Petition Form found here: https://goo.gl/forms/l5rrrUtdJhBZhS2F2
  • This includes the submission of a 1000-1500 word writing sample. It must be a work you have created, but it does not need to be original.

☐ All faculty who have had you in class, the dean of students, and the coordinator for academic integrity will need to fill out a recommendation form

☐ Bring a copy of your unofficial transcript to the program directors office.
10. **Appendix 2- Check-list for the C. S. Lewis Honors Forum**

**Spring of Junior Year**

- Fill out the on-line Google C. S. Lewis Honors Forum Proposal Form:
  - This will include an description of proposed work
  - Tentative method of presentation
  - Timeline for completion including benchmarks
  - Course which will help to fulfill this requirement

- Project advisor(s) will need to fill out a Form of Authorization

**Summer/Fall of Junior/Senior Year**

- Work on Project

**Spring of Senior Year**

- Inform Program Director of method of presentation first Monday in February

- Refine presentation with advisor

- Submit abstract the first Monday in March

- Present at the C. S. Lewis Honors Forum