

Honors Program Courses for Fall Semester, 2019

HONR150 -- Honors Seminar in Critical Analysis -- “Socrates, Buddha, Confucius, Jesus” — T/R, 10:50am-12:05pm — 3 cr. — Dr. Phil Meckley

This Honors course is structured as a seminar with a discussion format specifically intended to facilitate free and open exchange. Through critical thinking and problem solving, student will evaluate a variety of important issues and ideas that have and continue to influence the human story, paying particular attention to how these ideas have developed and how their proponents and detractors have presented their arguments. In so doing, students will engage primary and secondary sources, and one another as well, to evaluate the quality of important arguments, both in content and in delivery. The course will examine and analyze the ideas of the world’s most influential thinkers. We will critically examine the idea of these four thinkers in an effort to understand not only what they had to say in their own time, but how their ideas affect us today. In so doing, this course will allow the student to develop necessary skills with which to engage knowledge and distinguish themselves as a thinker. This knowledge will present itself in several forms in both reading and writing, certainly, but also in the ongoing interaction and informed exchange of ideas among students.

This course satisfies one Liberal Studies requirement in **Human Expression**. A student must be accepted into **Arete -- The KWU Honors Program** or have permission of the instructor to enroll in this course.

HONR270 -- Honors Seminar in Impacting the Future -- “The Majesty of America’s National Parklands” — M/W/F, 1:10-2:00pm — 3 cr. — Dr. Mike Russell

In this course, the students will identify and address important aspects of the interactions between Americans and their national parks, forests, and monuments. We will study the history of the National Park Service and National Forest Service and the individual characteristics of many of our parks, forests, and monument. We will also address various needs and problems that currently exist in these relationships between visitors and these special environments, with a mind to providing possible answers and resolutions that can prolong the relationship between ourselves and these unique parts of our national patrimony. This course satisfies one Liberal Studies requirement in **Natural and World Stewardship**. A student must be accepted into **Arete -- The KWU Honors Program** or have permission of the instructor to enroll in this course.