

INDEPENDENT ACADEMIC UNITS

Honours College**PROGRAMME CURRICULUM**

(For HC students admitted to UM in Academic Year 2017/2018 or after)

The curriculum is designed to nurture high flying students into globally competitive leaders and intellectual achievers committed to collaborative and creative thinking for Macao and beyond. It provides students with courses for learning and practicing leadership, experience of study abroad, community engagement at residential college (RC) and service learning on and off campus. In completion of the programme, students will have:

- earned six credits of honours courses
- gained study abroad experience
- fulfilled the RC residency requirement
- completed a leadership & service learning requirement

HONOURS COURSE

Students have to complete one 3-credit lecture base honours course and one 3-credit honours project with a "B" or higher grade earned for each course.

Course Title	Type	Credits
HONR1001 Self-Awareness and Social Responsibility	Required Elective (Lecture base course: choose 1 from these 3)	3
HONR1002 Leadership Skills and Positive Influence		
HONR1003 Communicating in a Global Context		
HONR1004 Honours Project	Compulsory (Group project base course)	3
Total credit requirement:		6

STUDY ABROAD

Students have to gain study abroad experience during their residency at UM with different levels of financial support and requirements stipulating by internal regulations. The experience must be credit bearing with a minimum of 3 abroad credits successfully transferred back to or earned from UM. Below are some ways to fulfil this requirement:

- A full time semester abroad at universities having agreement with the Honours College
- A full time semester abroad at universities having agreement with UM operated through the Global Affairs Office
- Credit-bearing abroad programme or requirement operated by faculties
- Credits earned in reputable universities abroad in summer and successfully transferred back to UM during the student's residency at UM

RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE RESIDENCY

- Students are required to have four-semester RC residency during their undergraduate study at UM
- For students admitted through recommendation of Masters of RCs and Dean of Students, they are required to have full (except study abroad period) RC residency during their undergraduate study at UM

LEADERSHIP & SERVICE LEARNING

- Students are required to demonstrate their leadership skills and services on and/or off campus by satisfying requirements through the Whole Person Development Award Programme offered by the Student Affairs Office (SAO), or an equivalent programme recognized by SAO
- With the Whole Person Development Award Programme, students are required to earn a minimum of 900 cumulative Competency Score (CS) with a minimum of 150 CS in each of the 5 core areas of development for graduation.
 - Interpersonal Relation and Teamwork
 - Healthy Living
 - Cultural Engagement
 - Citizenship with Global Perspectives
 - Leadership and Service

ADMISSION

Students pursuing a Bachelor's degree could be admitted to the Honours Programme through three different ways:

1. Direct admission of incoming first-year students

Students are directly eligible for admission if they are admitted to any of the Bachelor's degree programmes of UM and are offered any of the following scholarship awards:

- University of Macau Grand Lotus Scholarship
- University of Macau Golden Lotus Scholarship
- University of Macau Scholarship for Mainland China Undergraduate Students
- University of Macau Full Scholarships for Students from East Asia Countries

2. Admission by open application

Students who completed no more than 4 semesters (6 semesters for 5-year degree programme) and fulfill the following requirements could be admitted through open application:

- A minimum 3.30 cumulative GPA (Scale 15 for Faculty of Law) is required at the time of application and admission
- Applicants will be assessed based on their academic and extracurricular documents submitted with the application, and by interview if needed

3. Admission by Recommendation of Residential College and Student Affairs Office

Students who have demonstrated strong leadership potential, stronger participation in services and/or special talents in areas such as arts, sports, language, music, literature can be admitted by recommendation of Masters of RCs and Dean of Students.

- RC Master could recommend 2 students per year from the corresponding RC into the Honours Programme
- Dean of Students could recommend 2 students per year into the Honours Programme
- Students have completed no more than 4 semesters (6 semesters for 5-year degree programme)
- A minimum 3.00 cumulative GPA (Scale 14 for Faculty of Law) is required at the time of recommendation and admission

CONTINUATION REQUIREMENTS

- Enroll each semester on the degree programme at the student's home unit
- Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00/ cumulative Scale 14 for Faculty of Law students
- For students admitted through recommendation of RC Masters and Dean of Students, maintain residency on RC except during study abroad period

COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

To graduate from the UM with special recognition at congregation and an Honours College certificate to signify passing of the honours programme, a student must satisfy the following requirements:

- Complete the requirements of the degree programme at the student's home unit
- Receive a "B" or higher grade for the specific research, project, internship requirement course of the degree programme at the student's home unit
- Complete the requirements of the honours programme
 - Receive a "B" or higher grade for each of the honours course and honours project taken
 - Satisfy the study abroad experience
 - Satisfy the RC Residency requirement
 - Satisfy the leadership & service learning requirement
- Has cumulative GPA of 3.30 (Scale 15 for Faculty of Law students) or above for students admitted through direct admission and open application
- Has cumulative GPA of 3.00 (Scale 14 for Faculty of Law students) or above for students admitted through recommendation of RC Masters and Dean of Students

HONOURS RECOGNITION

Upon completion of all requirements of the Honours Programme and the degree programme at their home unit, the honours students will receive special recognition at congregation and a Certificate of Honours College. Honours work is noted on transcripts.

Course Description

HONR1001 SELF-AWARENESS AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (3 credits)

This course focuses on the processes that will facilitate students' self-awareness and exploration of values, beliefs, and socio-cognitive skills for active participation as responsible citizens and leaders in the local community and globally. Through collaborative teaching and learning and peer socialization processes, students will engage in a range of individual and group projects related to personal development and social skill development fostering effective self-evaluation, networking, group work, social responsibility and service leadership.

HONR1002 LEADERSHIP SKILLS AND POSITIVE INFLUENCE (3 credits)

Leadership is the ability to positively influence people and motivate them to collaborate for the common good. The course Leadership Skills and Positive Influence aims to build the self-confidence of students, enhance their social and collaborative skills, and provide them with concrete opportunities to demonstrate care and concern for their immediate community. It shall afford various means for students to nurture effective leadership skills, gain meaningful social experiences, and form good attitudes that will enable them to make a positive difference in society.

HONR1003 COMMUNICATING IN A GLOBAL CONTEXT (3 credits)

We all live today in a global context, where we frequently engage and interact with people from diverse cultural, national, ethnic, and racial backgrounds. Living and working successfully in this global context requires an ability to understand and appreciate cultural diversity. By drawing insights from the fields of Communication, Psychology, Sociology, and Anthropology, this course will help students better understand the diverse values, beliefs, and behaviors of people from a variety of cultural backgrounds. This knowledge will facilitate students' ability to interact and communicate effectively with people from those cultural groups.

HONR1004 HONOURS PROJECT (3 credits)

The course brings together students of different majors to conduct small group research and discussion on current issues of local and global communities, and everyday problems. Students are motivated to develop their skills on critical thinking, multidisciplinary approach to problem solving, and teamwork.

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

English is the main language of instruction.