

# HONORS COLLEGE

## Spring 2026 Course List

### Spring Honors Courses

• BIOL 1401.02: Environmental Science (CRN 26517)	TR 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM	J. Williams
• CRIJ 3361.02: Comparative Criminal Justice Systems (CRN 24675)	TR 12:30 PM - 1:45 PM	L. Iesue
• CRIJ 3378.03: Introduction to Methods of Research (CRN 21021)	MW 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM	J. Navarro
• HISTY 1302.02: United States History Since 1876 (CRN 27100)	MWF 11:00 AM - 11:50 AM	A. Dean
• POLS 2306.10: Texas Government (CRN 21596)	MWF 1:00 PM - 1:50 PM	TBD

### Spring Honors Research

• HONR 4095.01: Independent Study* (CRN 20309)	K. Bell
• HONR 4095.02: Independent Study* (CRN 25215)	K. Bell
• HONR 4095.03: Independent Study* (CRN 25219)	K. Bell
• HONR 4095.04: Independent Study* (CRN 25220)	K. Bell
• HONR 4398.01: Honors Thesis I* (CRN 20307)	K. Bell
• HONR 4399.01: Honors Thesis II* (CRN 20308)	K. Bell

\*Registration for thesis and independent study courses by permission of the Honors College Dean, [honors@shsu.edu](mailto:honors@shsu.edu).

### Spring Seminars

**HONR 3322.01: Journeys- Engagement (CRN 20298)** **W 4:00 PM - 6:50 PM** **J. Wozniak**

The SHSU motto is “A measure of a life is its service.” This Honors Seminar will expand the student’s appreciation and understanding of how to go beyond service and to engage with our community. Students will learn the theoretical framework of engaged learning, the various forms of community engagement, and the tools to harness the life-long benefits of experiential learning. This team-taught course will provide students with several different community engagement perspectives and opportunities. Students will venture beyond the university classroom to engage with the local community partners in a mutually beneficial educational experience. It is hoped that students will emerge from the class with an enhanced sense of place and an appreciation of cultural humanity.

**HONR 3331.01: Culture and Society - The Future of Work (CRN 20301)** **Online** **P. Lewis**

A university trains students in the fundamentals of a discipline rather than in the details of a particular job. In this online seminar, you will research your desired positions to better understand the specific requirements, preparations, and skills they require. You will investigate important aspects of these positions, such as salaries, market demands, and geographic hotspots, in the context of rapid technological advancement and shifting societal values. For example, how is advanced AI expected to impact your desired job? Are hybrid and remote positions available, and what tools are recommended for success in these emerging spaces? How can emotional intelligence, effective communication, and other soft skills aid advancement, resiliency, and long-term job satisfaction? Participants will explore these and many other topics related to the future of work from both personal and societal perspectives.

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**HONR 3331.02: Culture and Society - Jurassic Park (CRN 27342)      W 12:00 PM - 2:50 PM      K. Gragert**

Michael Crichton's science fiction novels, Jurassic Park and the Lost World, were adapted into a film and entertainment franchise bigger than a Titanosaur. In this course, we will explore how the franchise comments on contemporary social, economic, political, and international issues, including ethics, technological and scientific development, and corporate commodification. With guest speakers from across campus, we will explore the franchise's ongoing impact on American culture and society.

**HONR 3331.03: Culture and Society (CRN 27343)      ONLINE      J. Littlejohn**

This course deals with contemporary social, economic, political, and international issues and provides important background information and perspectives on current debates and events. Course content varies.

**HONR 3342.01: The Word - Personal Finance (CRN 20303)      M 3:00 PM - 5:50 PM      R. Milner**

Unlock your financial potential with our comprehensive Honors Money Management course! This program covers essential skills including effective budgeting, smart car buying strategies, and savvy stock investing. Learn how to navigate the mortgage process and master the art of salary negotiation. Designed to empower you with practical knowledge and real-world applications, this course will equip you with the tools to make informed financial decisions and achieve your goals. We will bring in subject matter experts to create engaging discussions on many of these topics. Join us and take the first step towards financial confidence and success!

**HONR 3342.02: The Word - Sam Houston (CRN 26166)      M 2:00 PM - 4:50 PM      R. Lewis**  
"Sam Houston: the Man, the Myth, the Legacy"      **Sam Houston Museum**

Sam Houston is not only a Texas hero, but he also played a large role on the national stage. This course will explore Sam Houston in the realms of politics and sectionalism, interpersonal relationships, diversity and racial matters, and maintaining personal integrity in difficult times. Students will also learn practical methods of presenting historical information through diverse viewpoints in a museum setting. Students will have the opportunity to engage in historical interpretation in a public venue as well as to conduct research utilizing primary documents and artifacts.

**HONR 3342.03: The Word - Motorcycles (CRN 25216)      T 3:00 PM - 5:50 PM      J. Williams**

Explore the fascinating world of motorcycles in this comprehensive course. We'll journey through the history of motorcycles, from their origins to modern innovations, and delve into the diverse types of motorcycles, understanding their unique purposes and designs. You'll gain practical knowledge with instruction in basic maintenance and the fundamental mechanics that make motorcycles work.

Beyond the technical aspects, we'll explore the rich culture surrounding motorcycles, including the phenomenon of motorcycle gangs, and examine the portrayal of motorcycles in film. We will be reading "Hell's Angels" by Hunter S. Thompson. The course culminates in a field trip to Austin at the end of March to attend the Handbuilt Motorcycle Show and experience the thrill of the Moto-GP races. Throughout the semester, students will also have the opportunity to present on a topic of their choice related to the course, giving a 10-minute presentation to the class.

**HONR 3365.01: Decision Making (CRN 27042)      R 11:00 AM - 1:50 PM      S. Koether**

In today's complex world, the ability to make effective decisions is paramount. From selecting political representatives, heeding medical advice, or even choosing a meal, decisions have an impact, both large and small. This course delves into the intricate mechanisms and constraints behind decision-making and why even the brightest minds can sometimes arrive at incorrect conclusions. Students will cultivate a nuanced understanding of decision-making processes through interactive lectures, engaging discussions, and hands-on exercises. By exploring the interplay of worldview, bias, group dynamics, logic, and reason, participants will emerge equipped to navigate the complexities of decision-making with heightened awareness and discernment.

**HONR 3375.01: Honors Dialogues - Emotional Insight (CRN 26146)      R 4:00 PM - 6:50 PM      M. Castanon**

In an increasingly complex and interconnected world, understanding and managing emotions—both our own and those of others—is crucial for success and fulfillment. This course delves into the transformative power of emotional insight, exploring how it can drive personal and professional growth. Students will examine theories and practices from psychology, neuroscience, and leadership studies through an interdisciplinary approach to develop a nuanced understanding of emotional intelligence. Key topics include emotional awareness and regulation, empathy and social skills, and conflict resolution. Students will engage in interactive discussions and reflective exercises to enhance their emotional competencies.