DISCIPLINARY BREADTH

The College of Arts and Sciences strives to lead research, scholarship, creative activity and teaching in basic disciplines and interdisciplinary programs in the performing and visual arts, humanities, and social, biological, natural and mathematical sciences, not only for the university but for the nation.

The Arts and Sciences Honors Faculty Committee believes that it is important for all students graduating *with honors in the Arts and Sciences* to demonstrate an honors-quality exposure to all three divisions within the College. This is achieved by completing at least one honors-quality course in the **Arts and Humanities**, one in the **Social Sciences**, and one in **Mathematical and Natural Sciences**.

Area 1: Arts and Humanities

Classes that fulfill the Arts and Humanities Honors Disciplinary Breadth analyze, interpret, and/or evaluate primary works that are products of and reflect the creative process of the human imagination and critical thought. Often, these courses help explain relationships among cultural and/or historical contexts. These courses enable students to clearly and effectively convey concepts and evidence related to humanistic endeavors.

At Ohio State, the Departments that are officially considered part of the Arts and Humanities include:
African American and African Studies, Art, Art Education, Classics, Comparative Studies, Dance, Industrial, Interior and Visual Communication Design, East Asian Languages and Literatures, English, French and Italian, Germanic Languages and Literatures, Greek and Latin, History, History of Art, Linguistics*, Music, Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Philosophy, Slavic, East European Languages and Literatures, Spanish and Portuguese, Theatre, Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies**

This also includes classes taught under
American Sign Language, Arabic, Chinese, Film Studies, German, Hebrew, Japanese, Jewish Studies, Korean, Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Modern Greek, Persian, Religious Studies, and Russian

Honors-Quality classes taught in these Departments, unless specifically noted, automatically fulfill the Arts and Humanities Disciplinary Breadth requirement.

List of Approved Exceptions

- *Philosophy 1520, 2500*
- *All 3000-level classes from the Department of History except 2911 (which is approved as a Natural and Mathematical Sciences Honors-Quality course)*
- *All 3000-level classes from the Department of Philosophy are approved as Honors-quality Arts and Humanities courses*

Area 2: Natural and Mathematical Sciences

Classes that fulfill the Natural and Mathematical Sciences Honors Disciplinary Breadth help students explain the nature of science or mathematics, the importance of experimental inquiry, and how exploration into the natural world encourages scientific inquiry into principles that provide universal explanations of diverse phenomena. The courses could also emphasize the teaching, practice, and evaluation of foundational mathematics or statistics. These courses will describe the scope of scientific study and core theories and practices, in the physical, mathematical, or biological sciences, using appropriate discipline-related terminology.

At Ohio State, the Departments that are officially considered part of the Natural and Mathematical Sciences include:
Astronomy; Chemistry and Biochemistry; Evolution, Ecology and Organismal Biology; Mathematics; Microbiology; Molecular Genetics; Physics; Statistics

This also includes classes taught
*Through the Center for Life Sciences Education (Biology), the Program in Neuroscience***, and the School of Earth Sciences.*

Honors-Quality classes taught in these Programs and Departments, unless specifically noted, automatically fulfill the Natural and Mathematical Sciences Disciplinary Breadth requirement.

List of approved exceptions

- Animal Sciences 2300H or 3140E
- Anthropology 2200H
- Astronomy 3350
- Biology 1113, 1114
- Chemistry 1110, 1210, 1220, 1610, 1620, 2210
- Entomology 2400H, 4440H
- Evolution, Ecology and Organismal Biology 2510, 2520
- History 2911
- Horticulture and Crop Sciences 2201E, 2202E
- Mathematics 1150, 1151, 1152, 1156, 1161.01, 1161.02, 2153
- Molecular Genetics 3300, 3436
- Physics 1200, 1201, 1250, 1251, 1270, 1271, 3700
- Psychology 2220H and 3313H
- Statistics 1450.01, 1450.02, 2450.01, 2450.02, 2480.01, 2480.02, 3450.01, 3450.02, 3460, 3470.01, 3470.02

<u>Area 3: Social and Behavioral Sciences</u>
Classes that fulfill the Social and Behavioral Sciences Honors Disciplinary Breadth provide the insight to understand and explain the behavior of individuals and/or various groups in societies, economies, governments, and subcultures through empirical investigation and theoretical interpretation. This may include the discussion of discipline-specific applications of quantitative

and qualitative research as well as an understanding of the primary ethical issues raised by the practice and findings of the specific social and behavioral science discipline.

At Ohio State, Departments in the Social and Behavioral Sciences Include:
Anthropology, Communication, Economics, Geography*, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Speech and Hearing Science, and classes taught within the International Studies Program.*

Honors-Quality classes taught in these Programs and Departments, unless specifically noted, automatically fulfill the Social and Behavioral Sciences Disciplinary Breadth requirement.

List of approved exceptions**

- AEDEcon/ENR 2501
- Economics 3400
- MedColl 4660(E),
- Political Science 3780
- Psychology 3900
- Public Affairs 3210
- Public Health 2010H
- Public Health Bio 2210H
- Sociology 3549

**Excludes Anthropology 2200H, Psychology 2220H, and Psychology 3313H, which are all approved as NMS Disciplinary Breadth

*Some Departments, including African American and African Studies, Linguistics, Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies, Anthropology. Geography, and the Programs in Neuroscience and International Studies, are interdisciplinary by design. If you believe that a class from one of these Departments should be considered for your breadth in a different division, please consult with your advisor.

***Students who entered Ohio State prior to Autumn Semester 2025 can use appropriate Neuroscience courses as Social and Behavioral Sciences Disciplinary Breadth.