

**Florida Atlantic University  
University Honors Council**

30 September 2022

8:30-10 am

Remote: Cisco Webex <https://fau.webex.com/meet/gosser>

**Agenda**

- 1) Approval of Minutes** of 15 April 2022 meeting
- 2) Welcome to our new members:** Dr. Sarah Snyder (fall 2022 alternate for Dr. Mary Ann Leavitt—Nursing) and Dr. Seth Fallik (the entire year for Dr. Allan Barsky, on sabbatical—College of Social Work & Criminal Justice)
- 3) UUPC Updates:** (25 April 2022 meeting; no items for the 12 September 2022 meeting)
  - Approved WHC: Concentration in Biology: update list of available electives
- 4) Senate Updates:** (25 April 2022 meeting)
  - Approved CoE&CS + WHC (BA or BS in Biological & Physical Sciences/2<sup>nd</sup> BS in CEGE to MS in Civil Engineering and (12 September 2022)
  - Approved WHC: Concentration in Business; eliminate 2 writing courses, substitute with an elective, and reduce credit hours from 53 to 52
  - Approved WHC: Concentration in Economics; eliminate 2 writing courses, substitute with an elective, and reduce credit hours from 50 to 49 (12 September 2022)
  - Approved WHC: Concentration in Biology: update list of available electives
- 5) New business:**
  - College of Business: Proposal for an upper-division honors program in International Business. Presented by Dr. David Herst (Proposal + signature page) + UHC's HIM program worksheet
  - WHC: new course proposal
    - INR 3502 H International Organization (new course proposal form + syllabus + support from Boca's department) + UHC course proposal worksheet
    - Changes to Psychology concentration (change form + signatures + changes to catalog/website)
    - Changes to Psychology minor (change form + signatures + changes to catalog/website)
  - Graduate courses to count as honors courses (wording for the proposal).  
Honors-in-the-Major Programs:

Honors-in-the-Major Programs at Florida Atlantic University offer qualified and intellectually curious upper-division students the opportunity to enrich their academic experience by working closely with faculty on creative, scholarly, or research projects.

Honors-in-the-Majors programs are offered in select departments within each of the colleges and are designed for students to delve deeper and begin the professionalization into their chosen disciplines with faculty members committed to excellence in creative, scholarly, or research endeavors.

For existing Honors-in-the-Major programs, please visit: <https://www.fau.edu/honorsinthemajor/program-information/existing-honors-in-the-major/>

These programs are approved by the University Honors Council once departments design their respective programs and determine their program's entry and completion requirements. These courses should demonstrate increased rigor and demands consistent with an honors program. A thesis or a capstone project are hallmarks of these programs. Graduate courses, as designated by the departments, will count as honors courses for students completing Honors-in-the-Major programs, once the University Honors Council has approved them.

For the graduate course to count for the Honors-in-the-Major program, the course must be taken for a grade. P/F and S/U courses will not count. A grade of "C" or higher is required for the course to count toward the Honors in-the-Major program.

In most cases, financial aid can be used for the graduate course, as long as the course is degree applicable. It is advisable to meet with a Financial Aid Counselor to review the student's customized financial aid package.

Questions about this proposal:

- Should graduate courses meet certain criteria to be considered as undergraduate honors courses? What would make a graduate course an honors course? Who should evaluate these courses before being accepted as undergraduate honors courses?
- Should we allow a student to use more than ONE graduate course towards honors credits? If not, should we be explicit about it?

**6) Fall 2022 meetings:** 30 September; 28 October, 18 November

**Spring 2023 meetings:** 17 February, 17 March, 14 April

**7) Any other business?**

**8) Adjourn**