

Society of College Scholars

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The Society of College Scholars provides bright, motivated students a way to enroll in small courses taught by some of the UO's top faculty. As students proceed through the SCS program they are encouraged to participate in internships and in faculty research. Scholars complete the SCS program by meeting requirements for Departmental Honors or Professional Distinctions.

Entering freshmen who qualify for admission on the basis of their academic performance typically receive an invitation to join the SCS program. Honors College students may also enroll and take College Scholars courses. Students who would like to be considered but who did not receive an invitation as an incoming freshman may petition for acceptance by sending an email to collegescholars@cas.uoregon.edu

Scholars' Group-Satisfying General Education Courses

UO students must complete a number of group-satisfying general education courses in arts and letters, social sciences, and natural sciences. To enable College Scholars to fulfill these requirements in a small class setting with fellow Society members, we typically offer three or more 'gen ed' courses each term, exclusively for College Scholars.

New freshmen are expected to register for one 4-credit group-satisfying course and a 1-credit colloquium during their fall term. Scholars are expected to take a minimum of four of these courses over their first two years at the UO.

Freshman Colloquia and Sophomore Circles

College Scholars Colloquia and Circles are divided into three areas of academic interests: humanities (arts and letters), natural sciences and social sciences. As freshmen, Scholars should complete a 1-credit Colloquia each quarter. These meet for an hour a week and typically involve a guest lecture and structured discussion with a small group of other SCS students. Participants in the SCS program are encouraged to explore a wide variety of academic interests by sampling a different colloquium each term of their freshman year.

New freshmen are expected to register for one 1-credit colloquium and one 4-credit group-satisfying course during their fall term and to take at least two colloquia during their first year at UO.

Sophomore Scholars continue the SCS program with a sequence of 1-credit 'circle' courses, usually the same one each quarter. These one-hour-per-week Circles focus on research questions and methods, and provide a deeper understanding of related fields within an academic area.

Sophomores are expected to enrolled in two 'circles' and two 4-credit group-satisfying courses during their second year at the UO

SCS Course Options

To see a listing of all courses available to College Scholars any given term, enter **SCS** in the subject code field of the online class schedule.

Group satisfying courses planned for 2009-10 include:

Fall 2009

PSY 201 Mind and Brain [Science] - Mayr
HUM 254 The City [Arts & Letters] - Nicols
ASTR 121 The Solar System [Science] - Bothun
EC 201 Microeconomics [Social Science] - Harbaugh
HIST 101 SCS discussion section of W. Civilization [Social Science] - Nicols

Winter 2010

ANTH 399 Anthropological Science [Social Science] - Kennett
ENG 230 Introduction to Environmental Literature [Arts & Letters] - Rossi
PHYS 361 Modern Science and Culture [Science] - Bothun/ Nicols
PS 205 Introduction to International Relations [Social Science] - Cramer

Spring 2010

BI 122 Introduction to Human Genetics [Science] - Capaldi
HUM 260 Post War European Culture [Arts & Letters] - Sheridan
INTL 345 Africa Today [Social Science] - Wooten
PHYS 301 Physicists' View of Nature [Science] - Hsu

College Scholars Freshman Colloquia - offered each term

CAS 110 Humanities College Scholars Colloquium (1R)
CAS 120 Sciences College Scholars Colloquium (1R)
CAS 130 Social Sciences College Scholars Colloquium (1R)

College Scholars Sophomore Circles - offered each term

CAS 210 Humanities College Scholars Colloquium (1R)
CAS 220 Sciences College Scholars Colloquium (1R)
CAS 230 Social Sciences College Scholars Colloquium (1R)

Junior and Senior Year Practica, Internships, and Honors or Distinctions

We encourage Scholars to participate in faculty research, internships, and study abroad programs in their third year. Students participating in unpaid internship programs or practica with faculty are eligible for modest stipends. Seniors complete the SCS program by choosing either Departmental Honors or Professional Distinctions (or both).

During their 4 years in the SCS program, active participants are expected to complete at least two (2) of our Colloquia, two (2) of the Circles courses, and four (4) of the special SCS Gen Ed courses. (Clark Honors College students are exempt from the latter requirement.)

To graduate with honors and to obtain College Scholars 'distinction' at graduation, participants must meet the requirements of a departmental honors program; generally this means completing an honors thesis.

Students who complete the requirements of the SCS program may also earn 'distinctions' from the College of Arts and Sciences by following the program outlined above for courses and by meeting the expectations of the UO Professional Distinctions program.

More information is available at <http://scs.uoregon.edu>