

Honors Core

Honors Core Classes:

- English
- Integrated Science
- World History/Global Studies



Core Description:

The Honors Core seeks to create an engaging and supportive learning community emphasizing creativity, independent thought, and academic rigor. Students engage in individual assignments and group projects which promote intellectual inquiry, analytical and creative writing, and thoughtful discussion. Coursework is designed to prepare students for Advanced Placement level upper division study. While many Honors Core students choose to enroll in the Advanced Placement Core for their junior and senior years, the curriculum prepares students for success in all focus areas.

Student Profile:

The Honors Core is a rich mixture of students drawn from every social group on campus. What students share is curiosity, engagement, a strong work ethic, and a willingness to challenge themselves. Athletes, Student Leaders, Artists, Musicians, Creative Writers, Social Activists, Scientists -- all these students create a welcoming community in Honors.

Curriculum:

In addition to rigorous, standards-based curriculum, each year students participate in multidisciplinary Core projects which develop research, writing, and presentation skills.

Detailed Course Descriptions are available on the instructor's websites and in the WHS Course Catalog online.

College and Vocational Preparation:

Honors Core prepares students for success at the university level. Soft skills utilized in all vocational fields -- including analytical reading, public speaking, collaboration, clear written and verbal communication, and individual responsibility -- are developed. Field trips to local universities are scheduled each fall semester. Spring semester field trips emphasize a cultural and scientific exploration.

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