

HONORS EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION

The Lewis Honors College requires at least 6 experiential credits for all students. But what is experiential education?

Experiential education: the philosophy/methodology in which educators purposefully engage with learners in direct experience and focused reflection in order to increase knowledge, develop skills, clarify values, and develop people's capacity to contribute to their communities. (Association for Experiential Education)

Popular Honors Experiences:

01.

Internships/Co-ops: Include direct experience in a work setting related to student's academic/career interests, plus offer the benefit of supervision and mentorship from professionals in the field.

02.

Undergraduate Research/Independent Study: Independent research or creative projects under the mentorship of a faculty member in the field.

03.

Education Abroad: An opportunity to earn academic credit in an international setting. Education abroad can include study, teaching, research, service, and internship experiences.

04.

Service Learning: Academic courses that integrate community service, instruction, and reflection to enrich the learning experience, strengthen communities, and teach civic responsibility.

Other Opportunities:

Student teaching, clinical fieldwork, practicums, some peer leadership/mentorship courses (RA, peer mentor, peer educator, etc.). Honors Personal Development Counselors are available to assist students in aligning opportunities with academic and professional goals.

Pre-Approved Honors Experiences:



All 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 399, 495, 497, 498, and 499 courses count, from all departments, except those used for Honors Thesis credit.



For EGR 399 and ACC 399, 1 credit will fulfill 6 credits of Honors Experience. EGR 398 fulfills 3 credits of Honors Experience.



All student teaching courses count. Please contact your Honors advisor for approval of credits within your Honors curriculum audit.



Education Abroad credits. Please contact your Honors advisor for approval of credits within your Honors curriculum audit.



HON 386 is offered as a transcript notation that fulfills 3 credits of Honors Experience for qualifying summer internships.

Students should consult with their Honors Advisor regarding academic credit before beginning any potential credit-bearing opportunity. Visit the Lewis Honors College website for a comprehensive list of pre-approved Honors experience courses by department.