

BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE

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Courses can be designated HON as part of the All College Honors Program. Any course already approved in the respective Intellectual Foundations cognate area may be offered as an honors section provided that it fulfills the criteria for Honors Classes.

CRITERIA FOR HONORS CLASSES

An Honors Class syllabus should demonstrate that the class includes all of the following criteria:

- A. Independent scholarship and/or creative activities such as course/independent projects, individual activities that demand on-the-spot processing of information, and/or presentation.
- B. Writing and/or oral presentation for outside audiences as well as for classmates and the professor.
- C. Learning activities that push students out of their comfort zone, out of traditional classroom behaviors, e.g. in-class debates.
- D. Higher expectations for student performance that may include higher level vocabulary and complexity of thought processes, above-average research to validate positions, creativity in the use of technology and/or artistic materials that broaden the dimensions of their abilities, and in-class and outside of class writing.
- E. Critical evaluation of self that includes evaluating personal beliefs and values, habits of mind and life choices, and relationships to others.

For more information, contact the Director of the All College Honors Program.