

UVA-WISE

DANC 106: Country and Folk Dance (2)

Study of the basic techniques of contemporary and traditional ethnic dance.

DANC 195, 295: Special Studies in Dance (1-3)

DANC 203: Ballet, Advanced Beginning (2)

Prerequisite: DANC 103 or equivalent

A continuation of the techniques of classical ballet.

DANC 204: Advanced Beginning Modern Dance (2)

Prerequisite: DANC 104 or equivalent

A continuation of the basic techniques of modern dance.

DANC 205: Advanced Beginning Jazz Dance (2)

Prerequisite: DANC 105 or equivalent

A continuation of the study of jazz dance technique.

DANC 207: Dance Ensemble (2)

Prerequisite: Permission of instructor

Provides formal and informal performance opportunities for qualified dancers. Background in ballet, modern dance or jazz desirable. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits.

COURSES IN VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

VPAR 101: Introduction to the Arts (3)

The nature and interrelationships of art, dance, music and theater in society from the ancient Classical cultures to the end of the Renaissance period.

VPAR 102: Introduction to the Arts (3)

The nature and interrelationships of art, dance, music and theater in society from the Baroque period to the present

THE PEAKE HONORS PROGRAM

TRAVEL ABROAD

Director: John Mark Adrian

The Peake Honors Program offers academically motivated students an opportunity to challenge and distinguish themselves by participating in intensive, interdisciplinary courses and enriching out-of-class activities. Students completing the program not only gain the skills associated with advanced study, but also earn the distinction of graduating "With College Honors."

ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAM

Admission to the Peake Honors Program is generally granted to qualified incoming freshmen with an academic GPA of 3.5 or above *and* a combined SAT score of 1200 or better. Sophomores, juniors, and transfer students with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above are also eligible to apply for admission to the program. These students should provide a letter of recommendation from a faculty member at either UVa-Wise or their previous college. Any student who is not accepted into the Peake Honors Program may submit a letter of appeal to the Director that will be reviewed by the Honors Committee.

THE HONORS CURRICULUM

Students in the Peake Honors Program are required to maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above. They are also required to complete the following program of study:

- 9 hours of 300- or 400-level Honors Courses (only 3 hours of which may be taken within a student's major)
- 8 Honors events
- 3 hours of an Honors Senior Capstone Project OR 2 independent research projects completed under the guidance of the Program Director

Honors Courses

Honors seminars are small, discussion-oriented courses with more rigorous reading, writing, and speaking components than average courses. The classes usually revolve around specialized topics and are often interdisciplinary in nature. In order to allow for flexible and innovative course offerings, most Honors seminars are taught as special topics courses that vary from semester to semester.

PEAKE HONORS PROGRAM COURSES

HONR 395: Special Topics (3)

Recent offerings have included:

The Benevolent Robot (the ethics of artificial intelligence)

Plants that Changed the World

London in Literature

Slavery and Democracy

Newsreal (the forces that shape news media production)

Culture and Catastrophe

Terrorism

Women's Studies

The Redeemer Figure in Film and Literature

Aging

Forensic Science

Please see the Program Director for up-to-date information about current and upcoming course offerings.

HONR 495: Special Topics (3)

HONR 499: Senior Capstone (3)

An independent, interdisciplinary research project culminating in a paper and a public presentation in a special Honors colloquium.

Honors Events

The Honors Program offers access to a variety of on-campus and off-campus events designed to broaden students' understanding of and appreciation for a wide range of arts and sciences. Students may attend lectures, plays, and musical performances, visit museums or historic landmarks, participate in a service project, or travel abroad. Qualifying events include honors-specific events as well as general college events designated as "cultural activities." (Note: if a student attends a college-designated "cultural activity," this event cannot serve as both a General Education cultural activity and as an Honors Event.) The student should attend the event and also submit a 1-2 page written reflection/critique to the Program Director. Participation in 8 approved events (or 2 per year) over the course of one's academic career is required.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES REQUIREMENT

Independent Research

Senior Capstone

During their final semester of study, Honors students will undertake a semester-long, interdisciplinary research project. Working closely with at least 2 faculty members from different disciplines, the student will generate a topic, conduct research, compose a paper, and present his/her findings at a special Honors colloquium. Prior to beginning the Capstone Project, the student must submit a proposal to the Program Director that will then be submitted to the Honors Committee for approval. Note: the same project cannot be used to fulfill a departmental capstone and an Honors capstone.

Independent Projects

As an alternative, a student may design and complete two smaller, independent research projects at any point during their time in the Honors Program. Such projects could include an independent study with a faculty member, an additional research paper in a regular class, a study abroad journal or presentation, the writing of a play or other creative manuscript, or any other suitable academic/creative exercise. Projects must be approved beforehand by the Program Director and should culminate in a paper, presentation, or other tangible display of knowledge.

STUDY ABROAD

For students who wish to study in another country, UVa-Wise offers a number of foreign study opportunities.

AUSTRIA

Students who wish to spend a semester or year in Austria may attend the College's sister institution, the Pädagogische Hochschule Niederösterreich, a small college in Baden, Austria near Vienna, for one semester or for one year. These students will have the opportunity to improve their command of German, take classes in German, get to know Austrian students, and take advantage of cultural activities in Vienna. Participation in this program will be contingent on the student's level of fluency in German, his or her maturity and academic standing, an