Guide to completing an Honors International Degree

Congratulations! You’ve chosen to participate in two very exciting opportunities at OSU – University Honors College and the International Degree Program!

When you graduate, you will not only receive your Honors Bachelor’s degree in your major, but an additional Honors Bachelor of Arts in the International Studies of your major!

University Honors College and the International Degree have unique requirements, but some of them do overlap. This document will provide you with tips and advice on what counts, what double-counts and how to keep track of it all.

Requirements for the Thesis
Both Honors College and the International Degree require a thesis to graduate. This requirement is what makes the programs a great match. Each aspect of the thesis is described below.

Introduction to Thesis course – You may choose either HC 408 or INTL 407. They are both 1 credit courses, pass/no pass. Both are offered in the fall and winter, while HC 408 will be offered in the spring. If you elect to take HC 408, you must attend a workshop on cross-cultural considerations in research, offered by the Director of the International Degree Program.

Proposal - Your thesis proposal must be submitted to both the Honors College & ID offices for approval. If you change your topic after approval, you must submit a new proposal to both offices.

Credits – UHC requires 4-6 credits of Project or Thesis, while the International Degree requires 3-6 Thesis credits taken in your academic department. If you take 4 credits of 403 Thesis in your department, this will satisfy both requirements.

Content – The International Degree requires that your thesis be connected to your major subject area, and have an international and comparative or cross-cultural component to it. You can use this work to satisfy both requirements.

Format – UHC has specific formatting requirements for your thesis. These exceed the ID formatting requirements, so be sure to follow UHC regulations. You will need to add a line on your signature page for the International Degree Director’s signature!

Supervision – UHC requires a committee of at least 3 academics, one of which will serve as your mentor. The mentor would also serve as your International Degree thesis advisor, so long as he or she is in your academic department.

Presentation – You can do one presentation to satisfy both requirements. However, UHC requires a defense portion to your presentation (an oral examination of your work which is closed to the public).

Submission – You must submit separate copies to both the ID and UHC offices. Please be sure to print enough copies and obtain signatures for each copy. You must have signatures for yourself, your committee members, the UHC dean, and the ID director.

Digital collection – Both UHC and the ID have digital thesis collections through the Valley Library archives. You are encouraged to submit your thesis through one of these offices.
Coursework (credits in parentheses):

- **HC 199 Honors Writing (3) (Scholar Track only)**

- **UHC Bacc Core (minimum 12) (Scholar Track only)**

- **ID Bacc Core (minimum 12 – can be Honors-sponsored)**
  - 1 Western Culture
  - 2 Cultural Diversity
  - 1 WC, CD or Contemporary Global Issues

- **UHC Colloquia (minimum 4)**

- **UHC Electives (minimum 6)**

- **HC 408 or INTL 407 Intro to thesis (1)**

- **403 Thesis (4-6) in your major* – ex. PS 403**

- **Foreign Language:**
  - Proficiency equivalent to 413, 3.0 cumulative GPA
  - Language for the ID

- **Experience Abroad:**
  - Minimum 1 term in country where ID language is used

- **Thesis:**
  - Title
  - Date delivered to ID & UHC

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* Biology students MUST enroll in BI 401 Research instead of 403 Thesis