

University Honors Program

Fellow Honors Programmers,

Belatedly, I am completing my update from the last newsletter. Several of you have asked about the Honors courses for next semester, and we will get more information out later in the week. But I include some information below.

- **Capstone Course**—As announced at our orientation, Curt Kochner will teach the pilot version of our capstone problem-solving course Honors 492/292 Food Distribution and Hunger in Billings. The course has 4 goals: 1) maximizing the use of food as a resource for those who need it, 2) reducing the cost of food for those in need, 3) reducing food waste, and 4) maximizing the use of food waste. For the participants, the course offers the chance to build up their problem solving and critical thinking skills by giving them a real world problem to work on. Juniors and seniors can take the course at the 492 level and freshmen and sophomores at the 292 level.
- **Honors Writing 201**—Although it is not on the schedule yet, we will offer an Honors section of Writing 201. Just as last year, we are planning to have a guest writer team teaching the course. Assuming for a second that we are successful, this could become one of our signature elements, i.e. the UHP guest writers course.
- **Semesterly Meeting Reminder**—If you haven't scheduled your meeting to go over your orientation writing assignment and to talk about your path through Honors, please do so.
- **Justice Course**—Molly Carty asked if it would be possible to offer a course on justice and, as the title of the book title she showed me asked, "What is the right thing to do?" It looks like Professor Ana Dias will offer a 1-credit course on the theme. If you are interested, let me know because the time would be determined by the availabilities of the participants.
- **Goldwater Scholarship Representative**—I have agreed to serve as MSUB's Goldwater Scholarship and was glad to do so, because working on such scholarships was one of my responsibilities at my previous institution, Clarkson University. In my last 12 years there, we had at least 1 awardee in each year and 19 in all. For students interested in pursuing prestigious scholarships, we want to build a program that will enable them to be competitive applicants.

That's it for now, but, as I have mentioned, we will get out updated information on course options for next semester later in the week.

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Upcoming Deadlines

October 15, 2012 Deadline:

- For more information on participation in a study abroad program in Antigua, Guatemala, please visit the [website](#) or contact Dr. Craig at david.craig2@msubillings.edu.
- [Scribendi](#) writing competition. Review the [flyer](#) and submit your finest work to <http://scribendi.submittable.com/submit> and win \$250.

October 19, 2012 Deadline

- **Honors Contracts.** If you need Honors Credits, consider an [Honors Contract](#). For more details, please see Dr. Craig.

October 31, 2012 Deadline

- **Honors Research Presentation.** Honors Club will host Honors Research Presentations, allowing students to present research to MSUB administration, faculty, students and the public. Presentations should be approximately 15 minutes in length. For more information, [ask Dr. Craig](#).

Goldwater Scholarships

Goldwater Scholarships in order to recognize the most outstanding science, engineering, mathematics, and computer science students in America and to encourage them to pursue careers in research. Sophomores and juniors may apply for this \$7,500 scholarship, but will need to be nominated by MSUB. If you are interested or know anyone who might be interested, please see Dr. Craig, who is MSUB's representative to the Goldwater Scholarship Foundation.

For more information on the scholarship, go to: <http://www.act.org/goldwater/yybull.html>

National Conference for Undergraduate Research (NCUR)

This year NCUR will be held in La Crosse, Wisconsin, April 11-13, 2013 at University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. If you are interested in presenting research at this conference, please visit their website www.cur.org/ncur_2013.

Presentations can be made in a variety of disciplines, including: sciences, education, creative writing, dance, education, philosophy, and political science. In order to participate at the conference, you must submit an abstract on the site by December 4, 2012.

If you are interested in participating at NCUR, notify us at MSUB.Honors@gmail.com so that we can begin planning for the trip.

Honors Research Presentations November 9, 2012

For the second year, the Honors Club will sponsor research presentations by UHP students. For students planning to go to graduate or professional school, the presentations offer the chance to practice the skills that you will need and to add a line to your resume. Last year's presentations included:

Nathan Baillet- Freedom Summer Sexism

Steven Barton- Laser Induced Fluorescence of Atomic Sodium

Cory Lovec- Solid Matrix Luminexence of Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons in Sugar Glass

Patricia Hampton- Democracy's Role in Education and Student Life at MSU Billings

Emily Harris- A Journey through Poetry

If you are interested in presenting research or getting help with your presentation, please see Dr. Craig.

October/November 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
14	15 Honors Contracts Due	16	17	18 COLLEGE WORK- SHOP 6P.M. BANQUET A & B	19	20
21	22	23 LAST DAY TO DROP CLAS- SES WITHOUT IN- STRUCTORS SIGNATURE	24	25 Pumpkin Carving 7pm Atrium	26	27
28	29	30	31 Honors Research Presentation Deadline Halloween	1	2	3
4 Honors Club Meeting 6p.m. ASMSUB Conf.	5	6 Election Day No Classes	7	8	9 Honors Research Presentations 6p.m. Beartooth Room	10
11 Veterans Day	12 No Classes	13	14	15	16 Last do to Apply to Graduate Spring Semester 2013	17



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