

# UHP NEWS



MSUB Honors Program

December 2015



Dear Fellow Honors Programmers,

Call this the good luck on exams, happy holidays edition. In terms of the former, we fill the cookie jar and candy dish and add to our treat supply if you need some exam week sustenance.

- **Space for the UHP** – We have renewed our quest for space and turned to the deans of the colleges for help. They have started to get back to us with ideas, and, as a result, momentum is building for space for next year and, perhaps, earlier. Here is the request the deans are responding to: it would be helpful to have space rather like the Women's Studies room that could serve as a combination seminar room and student study area/lounge and an office relatively nearby for the director. For next year, there would probably be about 4 classes each semester that could be held in the space and also, of course, the Honors Council and other program meetings.
- **Student Advisory Committee** – The Advisory Committee met for the first time last evening. The broad goals concerned developing the program beyond its curriculum, increasing a sense of community, and increasing the UHP's reputation on campus and off. Among the initial ideas discussed were: creating a signature event, having regular enjoyable events for UHP members, improving advising, and developing a workable system for giving and receiving academic help.
- **Requirements for the University Honors Graduate Designation** – We include a description of the requirements as part of this newsletter.
- **Reminder:** Gulick Research Scholarship/Applications due next week – Dr. Walter Gulick, a former director of the UHP, established this \$500 research scholarship to support UHP juniors or seniors who are pursuing research. Baudry Metangmo was last year's recipient. The application deadline is December 15; for more details see: <http://www.msubillings.edu/honors/scholarships.htm>

Wishing you successful exam weeks and the happiest of holidays,

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# Announcements

## STUDY IN NEW ZEALAND

Chasmin Haggerty is spending two months in New Zealand, picking up a few honors credits along the way.



"So far in my trip I have visited two schools, and worked with the students. The classroom layout and approach to teaching definitely has it's differences. I have also been learning about the tactics of sailing, and about marine life. It has been amazing being immersed into a different culture, that even though they speak English, there is still a learning curve. I have traveled on the land and by boat several hours from Auckland, New Zealand. This picture is from my trip this last weekend (November 21st) when I went to the very northernmost tip of the north island. On the drive there were the most beautiful fields of flowers. All these experiences are giving me a greater perspective!"

- Chaz

## RECENTLY ADDED SPRING COURSES

### **BMKT 411 Customer Relationship Management through Data Mining**

#### **Professor Abbas Heiat**

Provides in-depth exposure, including hands-on experience, to data mining concepts and procedures within the context of business and marketing customer relationship management decisions.

### **PSCI 425 International Conflict**

#### **Professor Nisha Bellinger**

Analyzes the political factors that influence international conflict between countries. We will study why countries go to war with one another and how wars can be prevented. Students will learn to think scientifically about politics and develop critical thinking skills.



## HONORS PROGRAM

# Opportunities

## *Shakespeare Study Tour*

June 6—27, 2016



This is an upper-division honors college course offered for four English or Theater credits through St. Mary's College.

Additional course information can be found online at the [Shakespeare Studies in Britain course web site](#).

Application deadline is **Friday, January 22, 2016**.

## Grand Canyon Semester

August 26, 2016-December 13, 2016

The Grand Canyon Semester offers a life-changing learning experience in the high mountains of northern Arizona and the deep canyon country of the Colorado Plateau.

Honors students from across the country are encouraged to apply.

Complete details available at <http://nau.edu/Honors/GCS>



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# University Honors Graduate

## University Honors Graduate Requirements

To earn recognition as a University Honors Graduate, a student must have 15 honors credits, including the honors capstone. This option is available for students who enter the UHP with 45 or more credit hours.

### Required Course:

HONR 499 Honors Problem-Solving Capstone (3 credits)\*

\*A department capstone that contains the following elements may be substituted for honors capstone:  
original research or creative scholarship,  
written interpretation or analysis, and  
public presentation or a defense.

Choose the 12 elective honors credits from:

- honors sections of General Education courses
- HONR special topic seminars
- specially designated departmental seminars
- honors contracts
- honors independent study courses
- internships

At least 9 credits must be 300-level or higher.



*Happy Holidays!*  
*See you spring semester!*