B.A. in Honors Traditions in Critical Thought and Scholarship (TRACTS) Requirements

All students must be in good standing in the Honors College to declare and recieve the major (3.0 GPA and successfully complete a minimum of two Honors courses (5-6 hours) per academic year in residence). Students may additionally earn the With Honors Research distinction by finishing with a 3.5 GPA in cumulative, LSU, and honors coursework.

Core Courses (12 hours)

____ HNRS 1010 Honors Core Experiences (1)
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____ HNRS 2000 Critical Analysis (3)
____ HNRS 2009 Physical Science for Citizens OR 2010 Life Science for Citizens (3)
____ HNRS 2100 The Great Conversations (3)

If three-hour course is taken as a life science, the two-course sequence must be taken in the physical sciences, and vice versa.

Founding Traditions (12 hours)

____ HNRS 2402 Classical Antiquity (3)
____ HNRS 2404 The Medieval World (3)
____ HNRS 2406 Renaissance to Enlightenment (3)
____ HNRS 2408 The Modern World (3)

Advanced HNRS Seminars (6 hours)

____ HNRS 3*** Advanced Seminar (3)
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Choose from an array of HNRS special topics at the 3000 level that emphasize the interdisciplinary nature of our world, including Non-European civilizations, History of Science, Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE), Technology, and Society, or Leaders and Scholarship.

Foreign Language (15 -20 Hours)

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TRACTS majors are required to complete a minimum of five semesters of foreign language study. Many students may enter with advanced placement or credit from high school. Language courses should be taken in sequence, and students have the option to pursue up to two different language sequences.

HNRS Electives (18 Hours)

____ HNRS seminar OR departmental honors course OR or honors option (3)
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Capstone Sequence (9 hours)

____ HNRS 3800 Capstone Reading and Research Methods (3)
____ HNRS 3900 Capstone Development and Writing (3)
____ HNRS 4000 Capstone (3)

Approved Electives (54 Hours Minimum)

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The elective hours built into the Honors TRACTS curriculum offer flexibility for students pursuing a second major—such as biological sciences, psychology, or international business. For examples of how this can be structured, please visit our website.