

**Florida Atlantic University
University Honors Council**

30 September 2022

8:30-10 am

Remote: Cisco Webex

Minutes

Meeting started at 8:38 am (once we reached quorum)

Present: Nicholas Baima, Fred Bloetscher; Seth Fallik; Michael Harrawood; Mike Harris (L); Michelle Papania, Gerard Sim; Sarah Snyder

Ex-officio: Mary Ann Gosser (Chair); Dan Meeroff, Justin Perry, Donna Chamely-Wiik, Debbie Johnson-Rais.

Minutes of 15 April 2022 meeting were approved

- 1) Welcome to our new members:** Dr. Sarah Snyder (fall 2022 alternate for Dr. Mary Ann Leavitt—Nursing) and Dr. Seth Fallik (the entire year for Dr. Allan Barsky, on sabbatical—College of Social Work & Criminal Justice)
- 2) UUPC Updates:** (25 April 2022 meeting; no items for the 12 September 2022 meeting)
 - Approved WHC: Concentration in Biology: update list of available electives
- 3) Senate Updates:** (25 April 2022 meeting)
 - Approved CoE&CS + WHC (BA or BS in Biological & Physical Sciences/2nd BS in CEGE to MS in Civil Engineering and (12 September 2022)
 - Approved WHC: Concentration in Business; eliminate 2 writing courses, substitute with an elective, and reduce credit hours from 53 to 52
 - Approved WHC: Concentration in Economics; eliminate 2 writing courses, substitute with an elective, and reduce credit hours from 50 to 49 (12 September 2022)
 - Approved WHC: Concentration in Biology: update list of available electives
- 4) New business:**
 - Proposal for an upper-division honors program in International Business was approved. Presented by Dr. David Herst
 - WHC: new course proposal approved
 - INR 3502 H International Organization was approved (minor edits required)
 - WHC: Changes to Psychology minor were approved
- 5) New Information item:**
 - Changes to Psychology concentration were presented (these did not need a vote)

6) Old business:

Discussed, edited, and approved the proposal to accept graduate courses to count as honors courses. This item will go to either the GPC or the Graduate Council after UUPC approves it.

Proposed language to be added to the following page on the catalog. It should be placed in the Degree Programs section of the catalog right below the entry for the University Honors Program.

<https://www.fau.edu/academic/registrar/PREcatalog/degreeprograms.php#scholars>

Honors-in-the-Major Programs

Honors-in-the-Major Programs at Florida Atlantic University offer qualified and intellectually curious upper-division students the opportunity to enrich their academic experience by working closely with faculty on creative, scholarly, or research projects.

Honors-in-the-Majors Programs are offered in select departments within each of the colleges and are designed for students to delve deeper and begin the professionalization into their chosen disciplines with faculty members committed to excellence in creative, scholarly, or research endeavors.

For existing Honors-in-the-Major programs, please visit: <https://www.fau.edu/honorsinthemajor/program-information/existing-honors-in-the-major/>

These programs are approved by the University Honors Council once departments design their respective programs and determine their program's entry and completion requirements. These courses should demonstrate increased rigor and demands consistent with an honors program. A thesis or a capstone project are hallmarks of these programs. Graduate courses, as designated by the departments, will count as honors courses for students completing Honors-in-the-Major Programs, once the University Honors Council has approved them.

For the graduate course to count for an Honors-in-the-Major Program, the course must be taken for a grade. P/F and S/U courses will not count. A grade of "C" or higher is required for the course to count toward the Honors in-the-Major Program.

In most cases, financial aid can be used for the graduate course, as long as the course is degree applicable. It is advisable to meet with a Financial Aid Counselor to review the student's customized financial aid package.

7) New information item (added late to the agenda)

The URC wanted to inform the UHC of the RI-designated status for the CHM 2046 H General Chemistry 2 course taught on the Boca Raton campus. It is different from the one taught at the WHC (which at present does not have the RI designation).

8) Fall 2022 meetings: 28 October, 18 November

Spring 2023 meetings: 17 February, 17 March, 14 April

9) Other business: UHP welcomed its largest class (150 students this fall 2022)

UHP's assessment is due on 17 October (analysis of results of surveys and focus groups and actions to be taken).

Meeting adjourned at 9:48 am