The Honors College Houses

The UTSA Honors College Curriculum requires students to become members of an interdisciplinary House. Houses are designed to help build a culture of active, engaged, interdisciplinary scholars. Its pedagogy and tutorial sequence familiarizes students with important skills essential to success in graduate school. Finally, the Houses provides focused academic and social programming that is relevant to our students.

What is a House? A House is an interdisciplinary learning community. Each House has a theme organized around global ethical challenges. Theme-specific coursework and events are primary House activities.

House Requirements To graduate from Honors, a student must achieve at least House Rank III. The ranks are:

**Rank I: Joining a House**  
Upon admission to the Honors College, a student selects their House.

**Rank II: HON 2983: Tutorial 1**  
Tutorial 1 is a first-year, Fall semester course that teaches students how to read, write and discuss popular intellectual discourse surrounding the House theme. It is interdisciplinary. Students will identify and evaluate sources and background knowledge in the production of popular intellectual discourse on the House theme. Students will practice written and oral exam formats for Tutorial 2.

**Rank III: Complete HON 3984: Tutorial 2**  
Tutorial 2 is independent reading and analysis of background knowledge, including primary and seminal texts, on a House theme. It is interdisciplinary. House faculty will be available for consult. This reading list is derived from Tutorial 1. Tutorial 2 may be taken for 0 SCH or 4 SCH. Whether Tutorial 2 is completed for a grade or CR (credit), the same exams must be passed with a C or better or CR to fulfill this requirement. All Tutorial 2 students will take written and oral exams.

**Rank IV: (Optional) Complete HON 4984: Tutorial 3**  
Tutorial 3 is in-depth study of the House theme from the perspective of research in one or several disciplines. The student works with a self-selected faculty to identify and develop a reading list. Tutorial 3 may be taken for credit. All Tutorial 3 students will take written and oral exams similar in structure to doctoral level qualifying exams, and they must present at the annual Spring Experiential Learning Fair.