

Honors Program Fall 2024 Newsletter



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NEW HONORS COMMITTEE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Laura Nold is an assistant professor working in the School of Nursing and Health Professions here at Missouri Western. She is also the newest member of the Honors Program Committee. Laura's excitement for the Honors Program stems from the fact that she is an alumni of Missouri Western and was an honors student! She feels that her involvement in the program contributed greatly to her career and future education.

She expresses her excitement for future installments for the nursing program, and recommends it to students in her program. A fun fact about Laura is that she was on the cheerleading team and her husband whom also attended MWSU was Max the Mascot! Welcome to the team Laura! We're very excited to have you!



The Honors Program offers unique topic courses called Colloquia. Students are required to have 4 credit hours of colloquia as part of the program requirements. The following list is the offered Colloquia courses for the Spring 2025 semester:

HON 395- 01: Animals, Aliens, and AI

HON 395-02: Using Your Brain to Be a Better You: An Exploration of Current Brain-Based Research for Reaching Your Potential

HONORS STUDENTS AND FACULTY TAKE TRIP TO NYC

Dr. Teddi Deka and Dr. James Carviou host trip to New York City

Dr. Carviou's JOU428 (Travel Journalism) and Dr. Deka's PSY222 (Psychology of Gender) classes were both cross-listed with HON395. The classes traveled to New York City from May 6th through May 11th to experience New York City through a gendered lens.

In all, 20 students visited journalism sites including the Paley Center for Media and psychology of gender sites including the Stonewall National Memorial, in addition to tourist sites overlapping the theme such as Ellis Island, 9/11 Memorial, and the Museum of Modern Art.

When students returned, they presented enhancements to their projects based on one or more of the sites they visited in NYC. Both of the faculty members value learning experiences that highlight and deepen the understanding of course concepts.

Dr. Deka and Dr. Carviou will be taking another study abroad trip in the Spring 2026 semester to London, England and Vienna, Austria to explore sites corresponding to the students' studies. Contact your advisor if you're interested!



Fall 2024 Graduates

Tyson Cook - Wildlife Conservation Management

Joshua Fuller - Computer Science

Maddie Pearl - Biology

Rebecca Pirkel - Biology

Sydney Shepard - Early Childhood Education

Emily Siskey - Secondary Education



