

**University Honors Committee  
Annual Report 2021-2022**

The University Honors Committee met twice during the 2021-2022 academic year: March 2 and March 17. Below is a summary of the committees' actions.

The committee met on March 2 to select the Honors Undergraduate Thesis Award recipients for Founder's Day.

Social Sciences/Business/ Education: Jasmine Masri (Political Science/Legal Studies); Thesis Chair: Dr. Gunes Murat Tezcur; Thesis: Domestic Migrant Workers in Lebanon: Between Precarity and Resiliency

Engineering and Technology: Rishi Basdeo (Mechanical Engineering); Thesis Chair: Dr. Michael Hampton; Thesis: Design, Construction, and Characterization of a Mini CO<sub>2</sub>/VOC Sensor and Gas Chromatograph

Arts and Humanities: Nicholas Odom (Philosophy); Thesis Chair: Dr. Derek Green; Thesis: Rule-Following, Enculturation, and Identity (Nick also wrote an undergraduate thesis in English which was nominated for consideration!)

Health/ Natural Sciences: Samantha Echavarria (Sociology); Thesis chair: Dr. Jacqueline Woerner, Thesis: Dating App Facilitated Sexual Violence: The Prevalence and Mental Health Effects

The committee met on March 17 to review and approve Honors seminar proposals. The following seminars were approved by the UHC and they will be forwarded to the department, college and university curriculum review committees.

NUR/ENC 3930H: Graphic Medicine (in approval process)  
Christa Cook/Nathan Holic

Graphic Medicine is a course in which students will explore the intersection of comics and health and medicine, reading both the scholarship of a burgeoning academic field, and also the graphic novels and webcomics that have captured the imaginations of artists and academics alike. Students will look at how comics can be used as an educational tool for those in the sciences but will also look at how the larger public—all of us healthcare consumers—can use comics to visualize experiences with physical and emotional pain and illness.

IDH 3930H: Nutrition, Agriculture and Justice in the Food System (approved)  
Beatrice Otero Jimenez

Currently the world agriculture produces the equivalent of 2,200 calories per person per day. So, why are there still millions of people suffering from malnutrition? How is it possible that while many go hungry others suffer from the health consequences of excess caloric intake such as heart disease and diabetes? In this course we will examine how our food system got here and what are challenges and

possibilities moving forward. It will cover main sections: (1) human nutrition, (2), food production and (3) health and justice.

IDH 3930H: Global Health (need FQMS before submitting to UCRC)

Quynh Dang

This course focuses on current health issues facing the world community to prepare students for an interconnected world. An epidemiological approach will be used in studying the causes and distribution of health-related states and events in specified populations and the application of this information to the prevention and/or control of health problems. Each chapter is a global health case, what happened, how it was resolved and what we can do to prevent it again.