

The Carl Goodson Honors Program

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To further academic excellence and to inspire intellectual curiosity, an Honors Program is provided for selected students of Ouachita Baptist University. Students selected to participate in the Honors Program may pursue their search for knowledge through independent study and through small group seminars. The Honors Program at Ouachita is named in honor of Dr. Carl Goodson, who served the University as Professor of Religion from 1961 to 1968 and as Vice President for Academic Affairs from 1970 to 1982.

Admission

Participation in the Honors Program is voluntary. A student may petition for admission to the Honors Program after one semester in residence and the completion of fifteen semester hours with a minimum grade point average of 3.3. The petition must be accompanied by two letters of recommendation from faculty members. Final selection into the Honors Program will also entail a personal interview with a committee of selected faculty members.

Honors Study Programs

The Honors Study Program will consist of Sophomore level directed studies, Junior level group seminars, and a Senior level thesis.

The directed study offers the opportunity for study in areas where formal courses are not offered. A student may select the faculty member under whom the study will be done. The directed study may be in any area.

Weekly interdisciplinary seminars will be offered each semester. Students may petition to have a seminar offered in a subject area of interest. All seminars will deal with a definite subject area.

The Honors Thesis will involve an in-depth study of a topic of special interest to the student. The study will be conducted over a period of two to four semesters under the supervision of a faculty advisor. Four hours of Honors Thesis should be taken over a period of two or three semesters. Prior to beginning the Honors Thesis, the honors student will select a second faculty member who, along with the project advisor, will serve on the Thesis Committee. A third member of the committee will be selected by the Honors Director. Upon completion of the Honors Thesis, the student will give an open oral examination. All three faculty members of the Thesis Committee will judge acceptability of the study. In the event that judgment is not unanimous, the thesis must be passed by the Honors Council.

Grading of all Honors Program studies will be satisfactory or unsatisfactory. The minimum credit standard will be a grade of B. No more than six hours of Honors Studies may be counted in the academic major, and no more than two in the minor.

Administration

The Director and Assistant Director of the Honors Program are appointed by the President of the University. The faculty selects one member from each academic division to serve on an Honors Council. The Honors Council provides general administration and coordination of the Honors Program.

Graduation With Honors Recognition

A student wishing to graduate with Honors recognition should complete a one-semester-hour directed study, two one-semester-hour seminars and an Honors Thesis of four semester hours.

Withdrawal From the Honors Program

A student may be asked to withdraw from the Honors Program if: (a) the cumulative grade point average drops below 3.3 at any time; (b) the student receives no credit in Honors Studies; (c) the student is uncooperative in the Honors Program.

Honors Program Courses

The courses related to the Carl Goodson Honors Program will be conducted in the appropriate division or department of the studies. Using the prefix designating the division or department in which the study is conducted, the following course numbers and descriptions apply:

2981. Honors Directed Studies.

A special topics course designed to meet the needs of the individual Sophomore Honors student. **Fall, Spring.**

3981. Honors Seminar.

An interdisciplinary seminar designed for the Junior Honors student. **Fall, Spring.**

4981-3. Honors Thesis.

A critical study and analysis course designed for the individual Junior or Senior Honors student. **Fall, Spring.**

Daniel R. Grant Center for International Studies

C. Drew Smith, Director

The Center for International Studies is named in honor of Dr. Daniel R. Grant, President of Ouachita Baptist University from 1970 to 1988. The program provides opportunities for students and faculty to have international study opportunities, both on campus and abroad.

The purposes of the Grant Center for International Studies include:

1. To serve the Christian missions purposes of Ouachita, while promoting good will and the cause of world peace.
2. To be a catalyst for expanding the global consciousness of the university's student body and faculty with emphasis on the role of the church-related liberal arts university in addressing the challenge of global problems.
3. To integrate global awareness and concerns into the interdisciplinary studies component of the curriculum and to assist the departments of the