



HNR 100 A: Honors Forum on Christ & Culture

Fall 2010

Course Description

The purpose of this course is to expose students to a broad array of cultural areas and issues in order to help them understand the important role of their faith in developing a discerning response to culture. Students will attend a variety of events and lectures and be challenged to reflect critically upon their messages, particularly in light of their broader liberal education and their developing understanding of the Christian faith. This course is limited to students in the Honors College.

Learning Outcomes

Through their completion of course requirements, students should gain the following:

- A basic conversancy with a variety of prominent issues in contemporary society and culture.
- An appreciation for the complex nature of contemporary issues and problems.
- The capacity to analyze and contextualize contemporary issues with diligence and honesty.
- The ability to assess contemporary society and culture as faithful participants in the Christian theological tradition.

Requirements

In order to complete HNR 100 A, each student will:

1. Attend the **Athens & Jerusalem Seminar** on November 10 at 4:00 pm in the Globe Theatre with Dr. Christian Smith, author of *What Is a Person?*, and moderated by IWU's Dr. Brian Fry. The seminar is offered to students and faculty throughout the university and provides an opportunity for our community to wrestle collectively with a topic related to Christian vocation and scholarship.
Optional elective credit: If students would like to read this book and participate in a discussion group, they should select elective 24 when they reserve their elective events (one elective credit). A free copy of the book will be provided.
2. Participate in the **President's Author Series** with Dr. Miroslav Volf, author of *Allah: A Christian Response*. Participation is three-pronged:
 - Students will read Dr. Volf's book and participate in one 60-minute discussion section with Dr. Riggs. You will be able to attend a discussion either on Tuesday, November 16, or Wednesday, November 17, both from 8:30-9:30 pm in Goodman 201. Watch for an email from honors.office@indwes.edu to sign up for the section that fits your schedule.
 - Students will complete brief reading notes (2-3 typed pages) on Dr. Volf's book and submit 3-4 questions they might ask at the event. The report is due on November 16 at 8:00 pm.
 - Students will attend the President's Author Series event on December 3 from 5:30-8:30 pm in Henry West Banquet Room and the PPAC Auditorium and come prepared to ask questions of the author about the book.
3. Complete at least **six credits of elective events** (see list of elective events, starting on page 4).

Required Reading

The required reading must be completed before the two President's Author Series discussion groups meet:

Volf, Miroslav. (2011). *Allah: A Christian Response*. This book will not be published until February 2011, but reading copies will be made available.

Optional Reading

For those interested in participating in an Athens & Jerusalem discussion group, elective event 24. To obtain a copy of the book, contact honors.forum@indwes.edu.

Smith, Christian. (2010). *What Is a Person?*

Participation and Attendance Policies

Athens & Jerusalem Seminar and the President's Author Series: Full participation in these events is mandatory for all Forum students. If a student cannot attend an event, he or she must send an email to honors.forum@indwes.edu at least two weeks in advance.

Elective Events: Participation in **five elective credits** is required. The credit value of each event is listed on pages 4-6. Students may participate in more than five credits of electives, depending upon availability.

Release Form: A completed release form is required for participation in any off-campus events. The form is available on the website where you reserve events (see the section below for details about event reservation). If you select any off-campus events when you reserve an event for Forum, you must complete the release form and return an original, signed copy to the JWHC Office in Goodman 203. The form must be turned in **at least a week before the event**, or we will give your spot to someone else.

Cancellations: You may cancel your reservation up to two weeks before the date of the event, provided that you have a justifiable reason for cancelling. You may also cancel within the two weeks leading up to the event, but you will be responsible for finding another Honors Forum student to take your place. Exceptions for emergency situations will be made on a case-by-case basis.

How to Reserve and Confirm Elective Events

Reservations: On the left hand side of the JWHC website (jwhc.indwes.edu), select "JWHC Academics", then "Honors Forum," then "Reservation Form." Click on that link, and type in the **LIMITED** Forum events that you would like to attend this semester. We will confirm all requests via email. All reservations are taken on a first-come, first-served basis. **If you are willing to drive the IWU van for any of the off-campus events, please let us know in the comments box of the reservation form. Drivers will be given first priority. If a driver cannot be found for a certain event, it will be cancelled, and students will be responsible for finding other elective credits. In order to drive for a Forum event, you must be an approved IWU driver. It is an easy process to become one. Email honors.forum@indwes.edu for more information.**

First Date to Reserve Events: Reservations for elective events will not be accepted prior to Saturday, September 18, at 1:00 pm. Any reservations made before that time will not be accepted.

Confirmations: In order to receive credit for any elective that you have attended, you must confirm your attendance online. On the left hand side of jwhc.indwes.edu, select "JWHC Academics," then "Honors Forum," then "Confirmation Form." Click on that link, and enter the number for the event that you attended. **All confirmations must be made within one week after the date of the event. If you fail to confirm**

within one week of the event, you will be required to write a two-page reflection paper before receiving credit for the event.

Attending a “Full” Event: If you would like to attend an event that is already full, you may still attend and receive credit, but must pay your own transportation and event costs. You will be required to provide proof of attendance, so keep your ticket stubs, playbills, etc.

How Will I Know If You Have Received My Confirmation? We use Blackboard to track your Forum elective credits. You may visit Blackboard to find out which events you have confirmed and how many electives you have completed. Please allow about two weeks after submitting your confirmation before you expect to see it posted on Blackboard.

Additional Information

Questions and Concerns: Please send all Forum-related emails to Beth Freije and Annie Brooker at honors.forum@indwes.edu. Beth and Annie will check this account regularly, but not daily. In case of an emergency, you may also contact Sara Scheunemann, JWHC Program Coordinator, at ext. 1799, or at sara.scheunemann@indwes.edu.

Academic Honesty/Plagiarism: Any form of academic dishonesty and/or plagiarism is deemed to be a serious violation of the fabric of our character as a community. As a result, any confirmed case of academic dishonesty and/or plagiarism will result in a failing grade for the course. The student is then referred to the John Wesley Honors College Committee in order that his or her further standing in that community can be reviewed. Confirmed cases of academic dishonesty/plagiarism are also submitted to the Academic Affairs Office of the College of Arts and Sciences and are thus subject to further review.

Students with Disabilities: In an effort to meet the aspiration of its mission to develop world changers and to respect federal law, Indiana Wesleyan University provides reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities. Students need to self-identify in order to be eligible for such accommodations. In partnership with faculty members and administrators, staff members in the Center for Student Success coordinate this process. Please contact Mr. Nathan Herring (Student Center 220, ext. 2257) for further assistance.

Grading

This course is graded as credit / no-credit. Students will receive “no credit” if they fail to complete any of the requirements for the course.

Fall 2010 Forum Elective Opportunities

Students must receive a total of 6 elective credits for Forum events. The costs of the events are listed. This information is for students who have signed up for the event after the maximum number of students for the event had been reached, but still wish to attend on their own. **If you are signed up for an event with Honors Forum, you will NOT need to pay.**

Performing Arts

1. Doubt

Thursday, September 30, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

IWU, PPAC, Black Box Theater

Includes mandatory discussion in the Black Box following the performance.

Maximum Students: 20 [Limited, you must reserve this event]

Credits: 2

Cost: \$6

2. Eurydice

Saturday, October 9, 2010, 2:00 p.m.

Butler University

Maximum Students: 12 [Limited, you must reserve this event]

Credits: 2

Cost: \$5

**Driver Needed

*** Release form required for off-campus event

3. Romeo & Juliet

Friday, November 12, 2010, 7:30 p.m.

IWU, PPAC, Black Box Theater

Includes mandatory discussion in the Black Box following the performance.

Maximum Students: 20 [Limited, you must reserve this event]

Credits: 2

Cost: \$6

4. A Streetcar Named Desire

Saturday, November 20, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

Taylor University

Maximum Students: 12 [Limited, you must reserve this event]

Credits: 2

Cost: \$ 10

**Driver Needed

*** Release form required for off-campus event

5. A Christmas Carol

Saturday, December 4, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

Indiana Repertory Theatre

Maximum Students: 12 [Limited, you must reserve this event]

Credits: 2

Cost: \$15 (student group price)

**Driver Needed

*** Release form required for off-campus event

6. World Literature (ENG 180) Trilogy Performances

Date TBA, Time TBA

IWU, PPAC, Black Box Theater

Maximum Students: Unlimited

Credits: 1
Cost: Free

Visual Arts

7. Faculty Art Show

Monday, September 20, 2010, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Beard Arts Center

Maximum Students: Unlimited

Credits: 1

Cost: Free

8. Indianapolis Museum of Art (with focus on ancient art)

Saturday, October 16, 12:30-6:30 p.m.

The trip is led by Dr. Kent Stiles.

Maximum Students: 11 [Limited, you must reserve this event]

Credits: 2

Cost: Free

*** Release form required for off-campus event

9. Silver Codex CIVA 25th Anniversary Show

Monday, October 18, 2010, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Beard Arts Center

Maximum Students: Unlimited

Credits: 1

Cost: Free

10. Roger Varland Landscapes of Faith

Monday, November 15, 2010, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Beard Arts Center, IWU

Maximum Students: Unlimited

Credits: 2

Cost: Free

**Includes Mandatory Discussion/Artist Talk

11. Art Attack I (Student)

Monday, November 8, 2010, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Beard Arts Center, IWU

Maximum Students: Unlimited

Credits: 1

Cost: Free

Musical Arts

12. Guest Cellist

Wednesday, September 22, 2010, 7:30 p.m.

IWU, Baker Recital Hall

Maximum Students: Unlimited

Credits: 1

Cost: Free

13. Brass Woodwind String Chamber Ensemble

Tuesday, October 12, 2010, 7:30 p.m.

IWU, Baker Recital Hall

Maximum Students: Unlimited
Credits: 1
Cost: Free

14. IWU Wind Ensemble Concert

Tuesday, October 26, 2010, 7:30 p.m.

IWU, PPAC Auditorium

Maximum Students: Unlimited

Credits: 1

Cost: Free

15. Sarah Eyerly (Butler Faculty): Lecture and Recital on Moravian Music

Tuesday, October 26, 2010, 7:30 p.m.

Butler University, Eidson-Duckwall Auditorium

Maximum Students: 12 [Limited, you must reserve this event]

Credits: 2

Cost: Free

**Driver Needed

*** Release form required for off-campus event

16. IWU Jazz Ensemble/Jazz Combo Concert

Friday, November 12, 2010, 7:30

IWU, PPAC Auditorium

Maximum Students: 15 [Limited, you must reserve this event]

Credits: 1

Cost: \$5

17. J. S. Bach Christmas Oratorio

Thursday, November 18, 2010, 7:30 p.m.

Butler University, Eidson-Duckwall Auditorium

Maximum Students: 11 [Limited, you must reserve this event]

Credits: 2

Cost: Free

Followed by discussion with Dr. Peeler

*** Release form required for off-campus event

18. Brass Woodwind String Chamber Ensemble

Tuesday November 22, 7:30 p.m.

IWU, Baker Recital Hall

Maximum Students: Unlimited

Credits: 1

Cost: Free

19. University Singers

Thursday December 9, 7:30 p.m.

IWU, PPAC Auditorium

Maximum Students: Unlimited

Credits: 1

Cost: Free

Mississinewa and Lectures

20. Mississinewa 1812

Saturday October 9, Departing at 11:00 a.m. for the Afternoon

Marion, IN

Credits: 1

Maximum Students: 12 [Limited, you must reserve this event]

Cost: \$ 5

**Driver Needed

*** Release form required for off-campus event

21. Dr. Jon Conrad: Lessons from Tocqueville

Monday September 20, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

IWU, Noggle Bistro Classroom

Maximum Students: Unlimited

Credits: 1

Cost: Free

22. Dr. Thomas S. Kidd on *God of Liberty a Religious History*

Thursday September 23, 4:00-5:00 pm

IWU, Globe Theater

Maximum Students: Unlimited

Credits: 1

Cost: Free

23. Dr. Mel Royer - Dynamical Systems: Mathematical Beauty Joins Utility Lecture

Monday September 27, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

IWU, Noogle Bistro Classroom

Maximum Students: Unlimited

Credits: 1

Cost: Free

24. Christian Smith's *What is a Person?* Book Discussion (Athens and Jerusalem book)

TBA, TBA

Maximum Students: Unlimited

Credits: 2

Cost: Free (Book is provided)

25: Religion and Philosophy Colloquium: On Being a Theologian

Monday November 15, 10:00 a.m.

College Wesleyan Church

Maximum Students: Unlimited

Credits: 1

Cost: Free