



JOHN WESLEY HONORS COLLEGE

**HNR 200 A & B:
Honors Forum on Christ & Culture
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Instructor

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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 200, each student will:

1. Attend the **Athens & Jerusalem Seminar with Dr. Jeremy Begbie** on Monday, March 12, at 4:00 pm in Baker Recital Hall. 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. The title of Dr. Charry's book is *Resounding Truth: Christian Wisdom in the World of Music*.

Optional elective credit: If students would like to read this book and participate in a discussion group, they should select elective 21 when they reserve their elective events. A free copy of the book will be provided.

2. Participate in the **President's Author Series** with Dr. Jean Bethke Elshtain. Selected readings will be available on Blackboard. Participation includes:
 - Reading the excerpts and completing brief reading notes (2-3 typed pages) to be submitted at the discussion. Also, submit 3-4 questions to ask at the President's Author Series event. Submit your notes and questions on Blackboard (under "Course Requirements") or turn them into the JWHC office by **Monday, March 19**.
 - Attending the President's Author Series event on Thursday, March 22, from 6:00-8:30 pm in Bedford, Jones, and Leedy Banquet Room and the Globe Theatre. **Come prepared to ask questions of the author about the book.**
3. Attend at least five oral presentations during **Celebration of Scholarship** (April 3-4, 8:00 am-5:00 pm). You will receive a schedule of the presentations and may choose the ones you are most interested in. Each presentation is about 20 minutes. Confirm your participation by emailing honors.forum@indwes.edu within a week of the event.
4. Complete at least **six credits** of **elective events** (see the list of elective events at the end of the syllabus).

Required Reading

Elshtain, Jean Bethke. Selected readings available on Blackboard.

Optional Reading

Begbie, Jeremy. (2007). *Resounding Truth: Christian Wisdom in the World of Music*. For those interested in participating in an Athens & Jerusalem discussion group for elective credit. To obtain a copy of the book, contact honors.forum@indwes.edu.

Participation and Attendance Policies

Athens & Jerusalem Seminar and the President's Author Series

Full participation in these events is mandatory for all HNR 200 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, and there will be a make-up assignment.

Elective Events

Participation in **six elective credits** is required. Please see the events list at the end of the syllabus for more information about the credit value of each event. Students may participate in more than six 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 Blackboard and 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**.

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

Reservations are required for Forum events listed as “Limited” in the events list at the end of this syllabus. To reserve a limited Forum event, visit this web reservation form:

<https://secure.indwes.edu/JWHC/reservation/>

We will confirm all requests via email. Reservations are taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

DRIVERS: If you are willing to drive an 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. Email honors.forum@indwes.edu for more information.

First Date to Reserve Events: Reservations for elective events will not be accepted prior to Saturday, January 21, at 1:00 pm.

Confirmations

In order to receive credit for any elective that you have attended, you must confirm your attendance online at:

<https://secure.indwes.edu/JWHC/confirmation/>

All confirmations must be made **within two weeks** after the date of the event. If you fail to confirm within two weeks 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?

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 Taryn Coates and Emily Smith at honors.forum@indwes.edu. Taryn and Emily 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.

Spring 2012 Forum Elective Opportunities

Students are required to select *at least 6* elective credits. You must choose at least one service opportunity, one lecture/reading/discussion, and one event from the performing, visual, or musical arts.

Note that costs of the events are listed. This information is for students who have signed up for the event after the maximum number of students has 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. ***Proof***

Sun Feb 12 at 3:00 PM, departing at 2:15 PM

Mitchell Theater, Taylor University

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

Credits: 2

Cost: TBA

* Driver Needed

** Release form required

2. ***The Glass Menagerie (Tennessee Williams)***

Fri Feb 24 at 7:30 PM

IWU, PPAC, Black Box Theater

Includes mandatory discussion in the Black Box following the performance.

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

Credits: 2

Cost: \$6

3. ***The Mikado***

Sat March 24 at 7:30 PM

IWU, Philippe Auditorium

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

Credits: 1

Cost: TBA

4. ***Lend Me a Tenor***

Sun April 1 at 2:30 PM, departing at 1:15 PM

Ball State University Theatre

Maximum Students: 6 [Limited, you must reserve this event]

Credits: 2

Cost: \$7

* Driver Needed

** Release form required

5. **Women of Lockerbie**
Fri April 13 at 7:30 PM
IWU, Black Box Theater
Mandatory talkback following the performance
Maximum Students: 15
Credits: 2
Cost: \$6

Visual

6. **Cathedral Tour**
Date and Time TBD
Maximum Students: 11 [Limited, you must reserve this event]
Credits: 2
Cost: FREE
Dr. Peeler will lead this trip.
** Release form required
7. **Merril Krabill**
Monday, Feb 6, 4:00-6:00 PM
Beard Arts Center, IWU
Mandatory artist's talk in Beard 150 at the beginning
Maximum Students: Unlimited
Credits: 1
Cost: FREE
8. **William Goodman and Henrik Sonderstom: Arrival & Departure**
Monday March 12, 4:00-6:00 PM
Beard Arts Center, IWU
Mandatory artist's talk in Beard 150 at the beginning
Maximum Students: Unlimited
Credits: 1
Cost: FREE
9. **Fall Senior Show**
Monday April 9, 4:00-6:00 PM
Beard Arts Center, IWU
Maximum Students: Unlimited
Credits: 1
Cost: Free
10. **Indianapolis Art Institute**
Sat Jan 28, 1:00-6:00 PM, departing campus at 1:00 PM
Indianapolis
Maximum Students: 11
Credits: 2
Cost: FREE
Dr. Kent Stiles from the Art Department will lead this trip.

** Release Form Required

Musical

11. Marion Philharmonic Orchestra "Winter in Paris"

Sat Feb 18 at 7:30 PM, departing campus at 6:45 PM

Taylor, Rediger Auditorium

Maximum Students: 12

Credits: 2

Cost: ?

*Driver Needed

**Release Form Required

12. IWU Wind Ensemble Concert

Thurs April 12 at 7:30 PM

IWU, Philippe Auditorium

Maximum Students: Unlimited

Credits: 1

Cost: FREE

13. Tribute to Glenn Miller

Mon April 16 at 7:30 PM

IWU, Philippe Auditorium

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

Credits: 1

Cost: \$3

14. Heart of Indiana Children's Choir

Tues April 17 at 7:30 PM

IWU, Philippe Auditorium

Maximum Students: 15

Credits: 1

Cost: ?

15. Wildcard: Any Free IWU Musical Event

Attend any free IWU musical event -- or purchase your own ticket to any ticketed event -- and receive 1 Forum Musical Elective Credit.

Maximum Students: Unlimited

Credits: 1

Cost: N/A

Musical/Performance

You may count this event in either category.

Please let us know which one when you confirm your participation.

16. Rinaldo, an opera by Handel – Includes pre-opera lecture and opera

Fri Feb 24, 7:00 AM-11:30 PM

Leave from the Music Lobby

Maximum Students: 6 [Limited, you must reserve this event]

Credits: 2

Cost: \$20 (covered by the JWHC) + \$\$ for fast food (at your expense)

If you reserve this event, you will receive more information about how to register through the Music Department.

Lectures, Readings, and Discussions

17. Prof. Jim Luttrull. What's Justice Got to Do with It? Heeding C.S. Lewis's Warning and Call for Justice in Our Utilitarian Age of Research based Recidivism Reduction

Mon Jan 23, 4:00-5:00 PM

Elder 143

Maximum Students: Unlimited

Credits: 1

Cost: FREE

18. Prof. Russ Gunsalus. Souled-Out Sisters- The Decline of Women Ministers in the Wesleyan-Holiness Tradition, 1930-1960

Mon Jan 30, 4:00-5:00 PM

Elder 143

Maximum Students: Unlimited

Credits: 1

Cost: FREE

19. Theological Research Seminar

Mondays 4:00 PM (except Jan 23, Jan 30, and March 12)

Noggle 122

Maximum Students: Unlimited

Credits: 1 (per time you attend – please indicate the date you attended in the comments box when you confirm the event)

Cost: FREE

20. Athens & Jerusalem Book Discussion Group: Dr. Jeremy Begbie's Resounding Truth

Date TBA, Time TBA

Location TBA

Maximum Students: 10 [Limited, you must reserve this event]

Credits: 2

Cost: FREE (book is provided)

21. Other Lectures (We will announce other lectures that may be used for Forum Lecture Elective Credit as we become aware of them.)

Credits: 1

Cost: FREE

Service Opportunities

22. Gethsemane Episcopal Church Conference – Childcare

Sat April 14, 9:30 am-3 pm, leaving campus at 9:15 am, lunch included

Gethsemane Episcopal Church, Marion
Students will provide childcare for those attending the conference.
Maximum Students: 6 [Limited, you must reserve this event]
Credits: 2
Cost: FREE / Lunch included
***Release form required for off-campus event

23. Gethsemane Episcopal Church Conference – Prayer Team

Sat April 14, 9:30 am-3 pm, leaving campus at 9:15 am, lunch included
Gethsemane Episcopal Church, Marion
Students will serve on a prayer team to pray for the conference and those attending it.
Maximum Students: 6 [Limited, you must reserve this event]
Credits: 2
Cost: FREE / Lunch included
***Release form required for off-campus event

24. Other Service Opportunity

You may also fulfill this component by completing five hours of service to the Marion community through IWU, the Honors College Student Association, your church, etc. If you need help finding an opportunity, please contact honors.forum@indwes.edu. Please ask Sara to approve your choice BEFORE you complete your hours if you select this option. Confirm your service through a note describing what you have done in the comments box on the Honors Forum confirmation page (see How to Reserve and Confirm Events for details).