

UPAC Agenda  
September 12, 2018  
Marley 230  
8:45-10:00 AM

**Meeting Notes**

**8:45 am to 9:10 am - Honors College Updates**

Advisors - introductions of new advisors, and reminder about advisor's duties/descriptions:

- Kailey Shill - freshmen, no major selected, first year project
- Ricky Casillas - sophomores, self nominations, transfer
- Kate Shea - juniors, thesis
- Karen Weaver - seniors, graduation

New honors home planned to open Fall 2019 / North of Speedway

Future Goals - build partnerships with departments and support shared students

Honors advising - common questions

- Self-nomination - student apply directly with Honors college
- Dropping Honors - students can complete short survey on the website
- Benefits - small classes, access to top faculty, funding sources/nationally competitive scholarships, study abroad specific for Honors, HASB (alternative spring break), cohort building
- Thesis/capstone requirements - encourage student creativity - advisors can begin conversation early with students, rather than waiting until their senior year to consider it

Requirements:

- Complete 30 Honors units (may qualify for a credit reduction with transfer credit)
- Complete Honors thesis in last 2 semesters (6 units)
- Cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher at time of graduation (GPA may be dropped to 3.4, still getting approval for this change)

How to Earn 30 Honors Units:

Required Courses:

- Honors catalyst seminar (Fall 18) = 1 unit
- Honors professor seminar (Spring 19) = 1 unit (get a list of almost 50 courses, HNRS 195)
- Honors thesis/capstone = 6 units

Remaining 22 units:

- Honors gen eds
- Honors courses in major/minor
- Honors engagement opportunities - Research, internships, study abroad
- Electives

December 6th at 4:00 Slonaker House Living Room - Honors will invite one representative from each college to attend and share feedback

#### Questions/Answers:

- Only Honors students can take Honors classes, some exceptions like ENGL 109H, physics, etc
- Honors fee is not planned to be increasing (staying at 250 per semester for now), and student numbers are not planning to increase
- Seminars are not required for transfer students. There are upper division seminars that are available to transfers, but the freshman seminars are only for freshmen
- When do transfer credit reductions happen? Honors advisors will try to do this right at the start of the semester.
- Students can add Honors later in their college career, and they may qualify for a credit reduction. Honors requires that students have at least 3 semesters left in order to add Honors and finish units and thesis.
- What opportunities exist for UA Online? There are not Honors course options currently for online students
- How much are honors advisors involved in helping students identify a thesis advisor? That varies by major. Honors advisors can refer to specific faculty advisor that they know of. Normally they pull up faculty list for the department to pull up bios, and encourage students to talk to major advisor
- Not currently a limit on the number of units can take for graduate credit
- Honors contracts deadline - Sept. 14th for this fall. There is a diff deadline for second 7 weeks - Oct. 25th
- Kailey Shill works closely with all no major selected Honors students

#### **9:10 am to 9:20 am - Advising Updates: Advising Resource Center**

- Sydney Donaldson - new addition to ARC!
- Lunch and learn flyer for upcoming events - included in attachments
- Campus Pantry flyer - Campus pantry is already depleted, please donate! - Flyer included in attachments
- Strategic planning process - Roxie is on committee with Vin del Casino and Cynthia Demetriou. Roxie is open to thoughts and ideas - send them her way! Looking at caseload and other things that impact advising

#### **9:20 am to 9:35 am - Transfer Updates - Nicole Kontak**

Location - Beal Building

Send students here for Transfer Evaluations

[Transfercredit.arizona.edu](http://Transfercredit.arizona.edu) - new website

#### Arizona Transfer Tab

- New items regarding reverse transfer and AGECE
- Reverse transfer happening with all community colleges except for Pima right now

#### Credit Options Tab

- International credit section - in progress. Can send to transfer center in Beal to have international credit evaluated
- Newer Military transfer credit section
- Non-regionally accredited units, and credit for prior learning sections

- Currently not accepting, but these policies may change to allow evaluation and credit in the future.
- Examples include Homeland Security, Border Patrol, Americorps credit - can send these things to Nicole Kontak to begin looking at these experiences. While credit can't be given now, she can assess it so it is ready for when and if credit can be given

Browse FAQ Tab for other information

Transfer evaluations on the spot, available in Beal all day - can easily do gen eds, departmental elective credit - specific classes like English, math, and sciences for science majors will take longer due to faculty approval needed

Submitting transfer credit appeals - ask Nicole before submitting an appeal. Students requesting nontransferrable credit to get looked at as transferrable - before submitting, ask Nicole what she thinks about approval

Freshmen English Credit – Can be approved through English department or through online form

Preapproval form with Study abroad is gone - send students to transfer credit office website for evaluation online

As a reminder, here is the email from Nicole on UPAC listerv earlier in the semester:  
A few reminders now that the fall semester has kicked off!

- If you haven't already, please be sure to update your college websites with the new website for the Office of Transfer Credit & Articulation and new Transfer Credit Guide (TCG): [transfercredit.arizona.edu](http://transfercredit.arizona.edu)
- The [Domestic Institutions Transfer Credit Pre-Approval](#) was decommissioned effective August 1, 2018. All students needing domestic transfer course evaluations, approvals, and pre-approvals should be referred to our office for [Credit Evaluations](#).
- The [International Institutions Transfer Credit Pre-approval](#) was decommissioned effective August 1, 2018. All students needing international transfer course evaluations, approvals, and pre-approvals (including Study Abroad) should be referred to our office for [Credit Evaluations](#).
- The [Transfer Credit Appeal](#) form was updated to include a section that can be marked for a rule to be built based on a student appeal case.
- The old Transfer Credit Guide was decommissioned on July 30<sup>th</sup>
- You will not be able to login to TES starting September 1<sup>st</sup>. You can still look up institutional profiles using the College Source Online database: <http://www.collegesource.org/search/results.asp>

### **9:35 am to 9:40 am - Food Safety Degree - Dari Trujillo**

- New degree live for fall 2018
- Science heavy degree - Bio 1 and 2, gen chem 1 and 2, ochem 1 and ochem 2, biochem, microbio course. Some physics involved, the majority of the core classes are listed on the brochure attached. Also partnering with nutritional sciences to have some NSC courses available as well

- Can also choose some ACBS department electives
- ACBS 380 - prerequisite is MIC 205A/L
- Email Dari with questions - [kdtruji@email.arizona.edu](mailto:kdtruji@email.arizona.edu)
- To declare major - meet with Dari and schedule an appointment on wise advising
- Information is on ARC website too
- In the works: Food Safety Minor!

**9:40 am to 9:50 am - Learning Communities Update**

- Sign up for a group you're interested in being a part of. Groups begin meeting next week, and facilitators will connect with those who sign up on the [Google Form](#)
- See descriptions in email attachments

**9:50 am to 10:00 am - Activity**

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