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HC 120 Intro to Honors, Section 87
Course Syllabus
Fall 2014

Sec. 87 – **DHC 120** Mondays: 10:10-11:00 a.m.

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Course Description: Finding your path: There are many choices and options in life. How do you choose what is right for you? This class will take the time to self-reflect and ask the harder questions about our own life goals, dreams and directions. What are your gifts, skills, passions, joys and values in life, and how will they add up to a fulfilling career? Students will develop their own personal family tree, take the Enneagram personality test, examine and clarify personal values, and take a career assessment test. They will also look at personal gifts, skills, passions and dreams. Time will be given to synthesize each of these areas to help each student formulate a direction for their path in life.

“Introduction to Honors” (HC 120) is a one-credit required course that provides Honors students with a common first-semester experience. The course is designed to emphasize the essentials of a liberal arts education including critical thinking, writing, speaking, as well as ethical reflection. The course also develops a sense of community and introduces students to cultural activities available in the Missoula area. Course requirements include reading the first-year book, *“Mountains beyond Mountains”*, writing assignments, group projects, and community service activity.

The DHC is committed to offering students the additional resources, challenges, and encouragement to be active and collaborative learners. DHC students are expected to: a) be intellectually curious; b) develop skills in critical thinking, analytic reasoning, and problem solving; c) increase their ability to write and speak effectively; d) acquire skills to succeed and engage in active and collaborative learning; e) develop research and life-long learning skills and habits; f) develop skills and habits of community and public service.

First Year Essay Contest: <http://libguides.lib.umt.edu/fyreading>. HC 120 students are encouraged to participate in the essay contest. It’s an excellent opportunity for students to write about literature and critique each other’s work.

All students must practice academic honesty. Academic misconduct is subject to an academic penalty by the course instructor and/or a disciplinary sanction by the University. All students need to be familiar with the Student Conduct Code, which is available for review online: www.umt.edu/SA/VPSA/index.cfm/page/2585

Communication

Check your UM e-mail at least once a week to receive important information and updates. (These weekly announcements are archived on the DHC website: www.umt.edu/dhc/news.htm). UM students are required to use their UM e-mail accounts to receive university-related communications.

Grades: Grades will be based on the four written assignments (below), classroom attendance and participation, volunteer participation, and the two classroom presentations.

- 1) Family Tree analysis and presentation
 - 2), First year book essay
 - 3) Core Values
 - 4) Final Paper and presentation
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HC 120 Course Outline (Fall 14):

Mon. 8/26 Orientation and introductions

Mon. 9/1 Labor Day (no class)

Thur. 9/5 DHC First Year Convocation will be held on Thursday, **September 4, at 7:00 p.m.** in the University Center Theater. The Honors Convocation is the welcoming celebration for new students in the DHC and is mandatory for first-year students.

Mon. 9/8 Family Tree presentations

Mon. 9/15 Family tree presentations: **Family tree analysis due**

Mon. 9/22 First year book discussion: *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien

Mon. 9/29 Core Values

Mon. 10/6 **Core Values: 3-5 page paper due**

Mon. 10/13 Enneagram Introduction

Mon. 10/20 Enneagram analysis

Mon. 10/27 Obligation to the greater good.

Tue. 10/28 Tim O'Brien, author of *The Things They Carried* will meet with first-year students at 3:10-4:00 p.m. in the UC Theater for a "Conversation with First-Year Students," and he will give a public lecture at 8:00 p.m. in the Dennison Theatre.

Mon. 11/3 Work Style Analysis

Mon. 11/10 Skills, passions, joy.

Mon. 11/10 First Year Reading Essays are due

Mon. 11/17 Personal mission statement

Mon. 11/24 Final Presentations

Mon. 12/1 Final Presentations

Thur. 12/11 8:00-10:00am Final Presentations