

Tutorial FAQs

What is a tutorial?

Tutorials are one-on-one courses with a full-time faculty member. The student and faculty member decide on the topic together and design the course. The tutorial cannot duplicate a course that is in the course catalog.

How many credits is a tutorial?

3 credits

How many tutorials do I have to take?

3

Are there any restrictions on the subject areas?

Yes. You must complete 1 tutorial in your major, 1 outside of your major, and 1 in any area. Double majors should complete 1 in each major and 1 in any area.

Can a tutorial fulfill a GE requirement?

No

Can a tutorial fill a major, minor, and/or concentration requirement?

Yes. The department chair or the program director of that major/minor/concentration decides whether it can count. Talk to them when they sign your registration form to make sure it counts for what you intended.

When should I take a tutorial?

You can take them during any of the 5 semesters that you are in the program. We strongly recommend not taking 3 tutorials during the spring semester of your senior year.

Who can offer a tutorial?

Tutorials are taught by full-time faculty members. This includes faculty specialists. Tutorials are not taught by part-time faculty members, staff, or administrators.

When should I ask a professor about doing a tutorial?

The earlier the better. You should meet with a professor during their office hours when you have an idea for a topic. Professors are only able to offer a set number of tutorials a semester and often need to plan several semesters ahead. In addition, the topic may not be a great fit for a particular professor and they may direct you to someone else.

Can I do a tutorial with another Honors student?

Yes, but there is a limit of 2 students per tutorial.

How many tutorials can I take a semester?

You could do 3 a semester but we don't recommend that. Instead, we recommend taking no more than 2 a semester. Most students do 1 in a semester.

Can I take more than 3 tutorials?

You are required to take 3. You may take up to 5 but you must get approval from the co-directors. Most students take 3 tutorials.

How do I register for tutorials?

You don't register for tutorials online. Instead, you fill out a Tutorial Registration form. You can get a form from the University Honors Program website, Dr. LaZella, Dr. Warker, or Melissa Eckenrode. We will also email the forms to you at least once a semester.

What signatures do I need on the registration form?

You need to get the following signatures

- Full-time faculty member involved in Tutorial
- Department chair of that faculty member's department
- One of the University Honors Program co-directors
- College Dean(s)

It is your responsibility to get the first 3 signatures. The co-directors will take care of getting the Dean's signature(s) and getting the form to the Registrar's Office.

When should I fill out the registration paperwork?

You should fill it out by the end of the semester prior to the tutorial. For example, if you're taking a tutorial in the Fall Semester, the form should be submitted by the end of the previous Spring Semester.