



# Spring 2025 Honors Courses

## **HONR 257HB\_01 - “Fact in Fiction (and Film): Understanding 20<sup>th</sup> c. Europe and its Impact on the Present”**

**Marty Mullins/Amber Paulson**

**MW 3:00-4:50 pm (4 credits)**

“History doesn’t repeat itself, but it often rhymes.” –Mark Twain

If humanity’s recent shared experiences with rising political tensions, economic anxieties, pandemic aftereffects, and actual international invasion have taught us anything, it is that echoes from the past resound loudly in the present. This course dives into 20<sup>th</sup> century European history and literature with an eye to making sense of current crises. The course combines historical and literary approaches to comprehend how Europeans faced the colossal geopolitical, economic, and cultural challenges that confronted them.

We embrace both historical fact and literary fiction (as well as film) in an effort to understand the seismic European events that reverberated around the globe in the last century. **Students can choose to use these 4 credits to satisfy either a *Humanities-H* or *Social Science-B* requirement.**

## **HONR 257HB\_02 - “Choices and Consequences: The Ethics Behind Economic Decisions”**

**Brandon Bridge/Sean Gallagher**

**T/TH 9:00-10:45 am (4 credits)**

The Honors Course on Economics and Ethics explores the intersection of economic theories and ethical principles, focusing on how moral frameworks influence economic decision-making and policy. Students will critically examine key economic concepts such as scarcity, value, production, efficiency and equity, markets, and resource allocation through the lens of metaethics, normative ethics, and applied ethics.

The course will analyze contemporary global issues, such as property rights, wealth inequality, labor rights, environmental sustainability, and monetary and fiscal policy. Case studies will highlight real-world dilemmas, challenging students to assess the moral and ethical implications of economic practices and policies.

Students will engage with classical and contemporary texts from economists and ethicists, fostering interdisciplinary dialogue. The course encourages students to think critically about the role of values in shaping economic systems and the distribution of power and resources. Through reflective writing and research, students will articulate their own ethical stance on pressing economic challenges. This course is ideal for those interested in pursuing careers in economics, public policy, law, or social advocacy, where understanding the ethical dimensions of economic actions is crucial. **Students can choose to use these 4 credits to satisfy either a *Humanities-H* or *Social Science-B* requirement.**