**University College (UC)**

**Western Kentucky University**

**745-4231**

***REPORT TO THE UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE***

Date: March 6, 2014

University College submits the following items for consideration:

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| **Type of Action** | **Description of Item and Contact Information** |
| Action | Proposal to Revise a ProgramItem: Honor CollegeContact Person: Clay MotleyEmail: clay.motley@wku.eduPhone: 745-2081 |

Proposal Date: 02/15/2014

**University College**

**Honors Academy**

**Proposal to Revise A Program**

**(Action Item)**

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**1. Identification of program:**

* 1. Current program reference number: NA
	2. Current program title: Honors College
	3. Credit hours: 33

**2. Identification of the proposed program changes:**

* The Honors College’s 33-hour curricula (thesis and non-thesis) currently require students to earn nine hours of Honors credit in General Education courses.
* Because of the implementation of the Colonnade Plan, the Honors College needs to revise the 33-hour curricula to reflect Colonnade Plan categories, which replace General Education as WKU’s academic core requirement.
* Therefore, we propose that students enrolling in a 33-hour Honors curricula (thesis or non-thesis) must earn nine hours of Honors credit from the Foundations and/or Explorations categories of the Colonnade Plan.
* This change needs to be reflected in WKU’s *Undergraduate Catalogue*.

**3. Detailed program description:**

In the table below, the left side reflects the Honors College’s current 33-hour thesis track, with proposed revisions struck through. The right side reflects the proposed 33-hour thesis track with revisions in bold.

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| **Thesis Option** | **Thesis Option** |
| HON 251Honors Lower-Division Honors Elective (any level)Honors Upper-Division ElectivesHonors Upper-Division in MajorCapstone Experience/ ThesisTotal Hours | 3 hours9 hours~~General Education~~*~~\*Must include at least one course from three of the six general education categories (A, B, C, D, E or F~~*6 hours6 hours3 hours6 hours33 hours | HON 251Honors Lower-Division Honors Elective (any level)Honors Upper-Division ElectivesHonors Upper-Division in MajorTotal Hours | 3 hours9 hours**Colonnade Plan*\*Must include 9 hours from Foundations and/or Explorations Categories***6 hours6 hours3 hours6 hours33 hours |

In the table below, the left side reflects the Honors College’s current 33-hour non-thesis track, with proposed revisions struck through. The right side reflects the proposed 33-hour non-thesis track with revisions in bold

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| **Non-Thesis Option** | **Non-Thesis Option** |
| HON 251Honors Lower-Division Honors Elective (any level)Honors Upper-Division ElectivesHonors Upper-Division in MajorTotal Hours | 3 hours9 hours~~General Education~~*~~\*Must include at least one course from three of the six general education categories (A, B, C, D, E or F).~~*6 hours6 hours9 hours33 hours | HON 251Honors Lower-Division Honors Elective (any level)Honors Upper-Division ElectivesHonors Upper-Division in MajorTotal Hours | 3 hours9 hours**Colonnade Plan*\*Must include 9 hours from Foundations and/or Explorations Categories***6 hours6 hours9 hours33 hours |

**4. Rationale for the proposed program change:**

All students enrolling at WKU as of Fall 2014 will be required to complete the Colonnade Plan,

 rather than General Education. Therefore, the Honors College’s curricula must reflect this

 change. The proposed revisions would require students to earn the same amount of Honors credit

 in similar core courses, but the revisions would allow the Honors College curriculum to function

 within the framework of the newly implemented Colonnade Plan.

**5. Proposed term for implementation and special provisions (if applicable):** Fall 2014

**6. Dates of prior committee approvals:**

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| Department/ Unit: Honors Academy | 02/18/2014 |
| University College Curriculum Committee  |  03/06/2014 |
| Professional Education Council (if applicable) |  |
| Undergraduate Curriculum Committee  |  |
| University Senate |  |