

HONR 100R.001: Spring 2024 HONORS COLLOQUIUM

WIRED

Time: Mondays, 4:00-4:50 pm in CB 101a, and by event

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Required Textbook: *Pleased to Meet Me: Genes, Germs and the Curious Forces That Make Us Who We Are*, Bill Sullivan (ISBN 978-1-426220555)

Website On Canvas. Use it regularly track your progress, and upload responses. All event registration and ticket information is handled through the CHAMP website.

Overview A required course in the UVU Honors Program curriculum, Colloquium engages students in a series of class sessions centered on a theme, as well as intellectually and culturally enriching events both on and off campus. This term's theme is WIRED, so we'll engage in a series of class sessions that help us understand how humans are wired neurologically, genetically, psychologically, and culturally, as well as how technology and artificial intelligence impact us.

Students will complete three choice events and one group experience, plus attend any one or more sessions of the Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research. Students will also complete discussions of, assigned readings, as well as graded reading quizzes. Attending and responding to self-selected lectures, exhibits, theatrical and musical performances, immersive experiences, daylong and overnight outdoor education trips, as well as service activities, will also be graded work for the course.

Course Objectives

The main objectives of this class are to: (1) introduce students to excellence in cultural expression in Utah and beyond; (2) develop an appreciation for a multiplicity of cultural expressions; (3) foster an intellectually engaged community among UVU Honors students.

Assignments

Activity Participation Form	5%
Attendance	15 %
Discussions (3 total)	15%
Required Group Experience (Choice of Excursion, Trip, Indiv. Service)	15 %
UCUR Session	10%
Choice Event 1	10 %
Choice Event 2	10 %
Choice Event 3	10 %

eCommunication Policy The best way to contact Kate is email (to the UVU address or via Canvas). Kate will generally respond to email within 8 hours, except between 5 PM and 8 AM and on holidays.

Names and Personal Pronouns

If you prefer to use a name other than the name the University officially uses, please let me know. Likewise, if you have a preferred personal pronoun, please let me know. We will respect your identity. Please adjust your pronouns in Canvas: (Canvas→Account (Profile Icon)→ Settings→ Edit (on the far right)).

Top Ten Ways to Succeed in Colloquium

1. Attend class weekly and complete the attendance quiz each week by the deadline; if you are unable to attend due to illness or other pressing concern, consult the Attendance Alternative Discussion.
 - Be sure to participate in class by listening, thinking, and responding to ideas presented by instructor or guest speakers.
2. Sign and return the mandatory Activity Participation Form. This is an Adobe Sign form easily accessible electronically.
3. Watch the CHAMP training videos and **follow the make-up and cancellation policies** for events as indicated on CHAMP
4. Sign up on CHAMP for **one GROUP EXPERIENCE by Friday, January 12** and participate during the semester. These are all designated with the word GROUP in the event title.
5. Sign up on CHAMP for **three CHOICE EVENTS by Friday, January 12 and participate in them during the semester. Group events beyond your first one may also count as Choice events.**
6. Participate posted Discussions by listening, thinking, and responding to ideas in the readings, videos, podcasts, and/or writing assignments.
7. Attend your Ambassador Check-In Meetings on or by assigned class days. Each Ambassador will notify students in their pod of the format for this check in, which might be an individual meeting, a group activity, or a group meeting.
8. ***Turn in an event response (uploaded via Canvas) within 10 days after each choice or group event to earn full credit.*** See assignment on Canvas for acceptable response formats. Late responses accepted at 50% credit.
9. ***Students NEW TO HONORS THIS TERM:*** Attend one of the program orientation sessions in the Honors Lounge
10. ***Students NEW TO HONORS THIS TERM*** and who have MORE THAN 70 college credits, make an appointment with Kate to make a plan for success in Honors.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY: Any dishonesty regarding event participation or attendance may result in failing the course and risk being expelled from the Honors Program. Each student must compose an original response for each choice or group event attended. **AI generated responses are disallowed. Each response will require some personal reflection from you.**

AI STATEMENT: AI programs are not a replacement for your human creativity, originality, and critical thinking, which are the cornerstones of your work as an Honors student. Writing, thinking, and researching are crafts that you must develop over time. At the same time, you should learn how to use AI and in what instances AI can be helpful to you.

The use of generative AI tools (e.g. ChatGPT, Google Bard, etc.) is permitted in this course for the following activities:

- Brainstorming and refining your ideas;
- Fine tuning your research questions;
- Finding information on your topic (although Googling a reliable source or even Wikipedia is better for this);

- Drafting an outline to organize your thoughts; and
- Checking grammar and style.

The use of generative AI tools is not permitted in this course for the following activities:

- Impersonating you in classroom contexts, such as
 - using the tool to compose discussion board prompts
 - using the tool to compose responses assigned to you
 - using the tool to create content that you put into a Teams/Canvas chat.
- Writing a draft of a writing assignment.
- Writing entire sentences, paragraphs or papers to complete class assignments.

You are responsible for the information you submit based on an AI query (for instance, that it does not violate intellectual property laws, or contain misinformation or unethical content). Your use of AI tools must be properly documented and cited in order to stay within university policies on academic honesty. Please visit the Writing Center if you need support about how to cite an AI tool.

Any student work submitted using AI tools should clearly indicate what work is the student's work and what part is generated by the AI.

ATHLETICS: Students may attend any UVU athletics event at no charge using their UVU ID. Each event counts as one Choice event. Bring a friend and wear your green gear! Responses should be a selfie at the game, plus a lively description of one moment from it.

ATTENDANCE: This is a participation-based class, so attendance in class and at events is the key.

1. **Students must attend Monday classes and take the attendance quiz.** *Students may have TWO absences with no penalty.* THREE absences will earn a 70% for attendance, with each additional absence deducting 10%. Habitual or repeated late arrivals and early departures disrupt class and thus will also incur penalties.
2. **Please do NOT attend if you are sick.** Please complete the Attendance Alternative Discussion(s) on Canvas. See Kate with questions or concerns.
3. **Attendance for events is verified via attendance taken at the event by the event leader on CHAMP AND by a response paper submitted online.** *Failure to submit a response paper will result in a penalty to the student's final grade, even if the event is attended.*

EVENTS:

Signing Up for CHAMP: It's all managed on [the CHAMP web app](#). Set up your account and use it to sign up, get on waitlists or in a lottery, or to cancel for an event during the cancelation window.

Adding and Dropping: It's all managed on [the CHAMP web app](#).

1. Add events or groups that have unlimited openings (General), defined slots (Ticketed), or register for a lottery event (Lottery) using the screens on CHAMP.
2. Students should keep commitments made during sign-ups, but missing a non-ticketed/free event is not a problem and there are no restrictions on when you can drop. Simply drop it using CHAMP and select another event on the calendar and substitute it.
3. Each ticketed event will have a drop date indicated on CHAMP, **generally ONE WEEK PRIOR to the date of the event.** To drop after that point, you must receive permission from Tiffany Nez.
4. Please note that if you want to drop an event and no wait list exists, **you may be charged for the ticket** unless you can locate another Honors student to attend in your place.
5. For last minute cancelations (less than 24 hours prior), students must be able to produce official documentation (a doctor's note, jury selection notice, police report, etc.) and will be responsible for reimbursing the Honors Program for the cost of the ticket. Please note that work schedules or notes from employers are not a valid cancelation excuse.
6. Missed choice events can be made up by attending another choice event on the Colloquium calendar. Note the sign up and drop dates on each event are different.
7. A small list of additional, To Be Announced choice events will be posted on Canvas in mid-October.

8. **Make-ups for Group Activities are not permitted.** Any student whose plans change may substitute 8+ hours of volunteer service with the same community organization. See the Groups assignment in Canvas for details.

Wait Lists: It's all managed on [the CHAMP web app](#). Limited spots exist for many Colloquium events, but particularly for ticketed events, including Groups. CHAMP records your time-stamped sign-ups and will allocate slots to students on this wait list in order. You may drop an event to which you are added if it is within the drop window.

NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS AND MINORS: The UVU Honors Program acknowledges the needs of our non-traditional students regarding Colloquium. Please let Kate know via email if you meet one or more of the following criteria:

1. Older than the age of 24
2. Working full-time while enrolled (verification requested)
3. Are a single parent, have dependents *other than a spouse*, or act as a primary caregiver to an elder or person with a disability
4. Left high school without a diploma

If you have concerns due to your non-traditional status, we may arrange alternative assignments for you.

Minors: If you are under age 18, restrictions regarding off-campus activities exist due to university policy. Please contact Kate or Tiffany for more details and alternative arrangements.

DISCUSSION POSTS: Compose an original 150–200-word response to the reading—its content, ideas, connections, etc. Keep your focus on how the reading's content connects to your personal experience.

- This must be *completed prior to the in-class discussion* to receive full credit.
- You must also **respond to at least two other students in your Ambassador Pod** to receive full credit.
- Late posts/responses receive 50% credit.

RESPONSES TO EVENTS: Students must submit an **original** response to each Group Experience or Choice Event. Late responses accepted at 50% credit. Please write eloquently and correctly.

Responses may take one of the following forms. You may choose different forms for different events.

- A *strong paragraph or two (about 200 words)* about why you chose this event, a few details you particularly remember from it, what feelings or learning it evoked in you, and why you would or would not recommend it to other UVU Honors students. You may include other information in your reflection if you choose.
- A 2-3 minute *video recording of you* discussing why you chose this event, something you particularly remember from it, what feelings or learning it evoked in you, and why you would or would not recommend it to other UVU Honors students. You may include other information in your reflection if you choose.
- An *audio or video recording of you discussing the event for ~5 minutes with another student (or students)* who attended it with you. Each student must state their name in the recording. Ask each other questions about the event, what struck people about it, and whether they would recommend it to other UVU Honors students. Other questions may also be included. Students who complete this together may all submit the same recording.
- A *handwritten set of notes or sketches* from the event, scanned and submitted as a PDF.
- A *photograph of you at the event (alone or with other students)* accompanied by one paragraph vivid description of about 100 words from one moment from it. Please write eloquently and correctly. (This is an especially good choice for live theater, music, or sporting events). Students who complete this together may all submit the same photograph but must write original paragraphs.
- Other types of original responses may be submitted with prior approval from Kate or Tiffany.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES: If you have any disability that may impair your ability to successfully complete this course, please contact the Accessibility Services Department (room LC 311). Academic Accommodations are granted for all students who have qualified documented disabilities. Services are coordinated with the student and instructor by the Accessibility Services Department.

Course Calendar

All events at UVU should be confirmed before attending by consulting the UVU Calendar at <http://www.uvu.edu/events/>. Events listed below were assumed correct at the time the syllabus was published. The Honors Program is not responsible for changes initiated by the event organizers, including cancellation, and date, time, or venue changes.

DATE	Class Sessions & Assigned Reading	Group and Choice Events
M 01/08	Class: Colloquium Events and Groups Intro	
T 01/09		
W 01/10	Choice Event and Group sign-ups begin: 7 PM	Choice Event and Group sign-ups begin: 7 PM
R 01/11		National Theater Live at the Noorda, <i>The Crucible</i> , 6 PM. Guests welcome. \$7 for UVU students/\$15 General Admission
F 01/12		
Sat 01/13		
Sun 01/14		
M 01/15	No Class: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	

T 01/16	Initial Choice Event and Group sign-ups END: 7 AM	Initial Choice Event and Group sign-ups END: 7 AM
W 01/17		Sacred Text Sharing Night, 6-8 PM, SL 112B (Prayer Room) UVUSA Prize Karaoke, 7-9 PM, Centre Stage
R 01/18		MLK Keynote, UVU Grande Ballroom, 11 AM and Endnote at 2:30 PM
F 01/19		UVUSA Vegas Night, Grande Ballroom, 7-9 PM
Sat 01/20		Utah Opera's <i>The Little Prince</i> , Capitol Theater, SLC, 7:30 PM
Sun 01/21		
M 01/22	Class: <i>Pleased to Meet Me</i>, Intro and Chapter 1: Meet Your Maker, pp. 9-34	
T 01/23		
W 01/24		STEM Career and Internship Fair, UVU Grande Ballroom, 10 AM-3 PM.
R 01/25		Laser Tag at Laser Assault, Provo, 6-8 PM
F 01/26		GROUP: Snowshoe Excursion, Big Springs, 9 AM-3 PM.
Sat 01/27		UVU Women's Basketball vs Seattle U, UCCU Center, 2pm Ensemble Mik Nawooj, a Hip Hop Orchestra at the Noorda, 7:30 PM
Sun 01/28		
M 01/29	Class: <i>Pleased to Meet Me</i>, Chapters 2 & 3: Meet Your Tastes and Meet Your Appetite, pp. 35-92	National Security Week: Israeli-Palestinian Conflict Panel Discussion, 11:30-1 PM, CB 511
T 01/30		UVU Museum of Art at Lakemount Manor, 6-8 PM
W 01/31		Career & Internship Fair, Grande Ballroom & Centre Stage, 10 AM-3 PM National Security Week Keynote, 2:30 PM, CB 511
R 02/01		National Theater Live at the Noorda, <i>Othello</i> , 6 PM. Guests welcome. \$7 for UVU students/\$15 General Admission
F 02/02		UVU Wrestling vs North Dakota State, Lockhart Arena, 6pm MT Utah Symphony, Prokofiev Violin #1, Abravanel Hall, SLC, 7:30 PM

Sat 02/03		GROUP: Ladies Day, Sundance Nordic Center, 9 AM-3 PM
Sun 02/04		
M 02/05	<i>Pleased to Meet Me, Chapter 4 & 5: Meet Your Addictions and Meet Your Moods, pp. 93-151</i>	“Small Island, Big Song” at the Noorda, 7:30 PM
T 02/06		Geography Bee, 7-9 PM, Pending Location
W 02/07		Faith & Film Series, 5-8 PM, SL 112
R 02/08		What Students Need to Know About AI, 11 AM-1 PM, Centre Stage
F 02/09		
Sat 02/10		GROUP: Learn to XC Ski Excursion, Sundance Nordic, 10 AM-3 PM.
Sun 02/11		
M 02/12	Class: Guest Speaker on Neuroscience	Darwin Day Keynote Speaker; 11:30 AM, SB 134 Jazz at Lincoln Center Presents: Sing and Swing at the Noorda, 7:30 PM
T 02/13		
W 02/14		
R 02/15	UCUR at UVU—Attend any ONE session during the conference!	Health Professions Career Fair, 1-3 PM, HP Concourse (West Campus) Utah Symphony, Strauss’s Don Juan, The Noorda, 7:30 PM
F 02/16	UCUR at UVU—Attend any ONE session during the conference!	
Sat 02/17		Ballet West, <i>Swan Lake</i> , Capitol Theater SLC 7:00 PM
Sun 02/18		
M 02/19	No Class—President’s Day	
T 02/20		
W 02/21		
R 02/22		Voctave Presents “At the Corner of Main and Broadway” at the Noorda, 7:30 PM
F 02/23		Utah Symphony, Tchaikovsky #2, Abravanel Hall, SLC, 7:30 PM

Sat 02/24		GROUP: Full Moon Snowshoe at Sundance, 5-9 PM. Complexions Contemporary Ballet at the Noorda, 7:30 PM
Sun 02/25		Choice Event #1 Response Due
M 02/26	Class: Ambassador Pod Breakout Sessions	
T 02/27		Broadway at the Eccles, <i>MJ: The Musical</i> , 7:30 PM
W 02/28		
R 02/29		Clarke Planetarium, Gateway SLC @ 6-8 PM. Guests welcome (\$12 for IMax)
F 03/01		
Sat 03/02		Homestead Crater Swimming, 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM
Sun 03/03		
M 03/04	Class: <i>Pleased to Meet Me</i>, Chapter 6: Meet Your Demons, pp. 153-182	
T 03/05		Living Planet Aquarium, 4-6 PM. 20 students. Guests welcome.(\$14).
W 03/06		UVU Theater presents "Gin Mummy," Bastian Theater at the Noorda, 7:30 PM
R 03/07		National Theater Live at the Noorda, <i>King Lear</i> , 6-9 PM. Guests welcome.
F 03/08		Utah Grizzlies v. Rapid City Rush, Maverick Center, 7:10 PM
Sat 3/09- Sun 03/17	SPRING BREAK	Friday, March 15: Utah Opera, <i>Marriage of Figaro</i> , Capitol Theater, SLC, 7:30 PM Sat, March 16: Reptile Expo, Sandy, 11 AM. Guests welcome.
M 03/18	Class: <i>Pleased to Meet Me</i>, Chapter 7 & 8: Meet Your Match and Meet Your Mind, pp. 183-240	
T 03/19		
W 03/20		Constitutional Studies Amendment Conference, 10 AM-4 PM
R 03/21		
F 03/22		GROUP: Capitol Reef Field Station, 12 noon-6 PM, Sunday March 24 Utah Symphony, Elfman's Percussion Concerto, Abravanel Hall, SLC 7:30 PM

Sat 03/23		
Sun 03/24		Choice Event #2 Response Due
M 03/25	Class: Ambassador Pod Breakout Sessions #2	UVU Baseball at BYU Provo, UT, 6pm MT. Guests welcome.
T 03/26		
W 03/27		GROUP: Telos Space Center Mission, 6-10 PM.
R 03/28		UVU Commercial Music Showcase, NUSkin Theater at the Noorda, 7:30 PM GROUP: Telos Space Center Mission, 6-10 PM.
F 03/29		Ballet West, Beauty and The Beast, Capitol Theater SLC, 7:00 PM
Sat 03/30		GROUP: Color Festival, Krishna Temple, Spanish Fork, 10 AM-3 PM
Sun 03/31		
M 04/01	Class: <i>Pleased to Meet Me</i> Chapter 10 & Conclusion: Meet Your Future, 269-298	Student Ethics Symposium on Artificial Intelligence, 10 AM-4 PM
T 04/02		Broadway at the Eccles, <i>Pretty Woman</i> , 7:30 PM UVU Music presents Percussion Spring Concert, 7:30 PM
W 04/03		GROUP: Utah Museum of Natural History, 6-8 PM, SLC. Guests welcome (\$14).
R 04/04		
F 04/05		Beignet Tasting, SLWC Demo Kitchen 4-6 PM
Sat 04/06		UVU Baseball vs Utah Tech, 2:05pm MT. Guests welcome. GROUP: Topaz Internment Camp Excursion, 9 AM-6 PM
Sun 04/07		
M 04/08	Class: Meet the Machine—Using AI for Good	
T 04/09		Utah Jazz v. Denver Nuggets, Delta Center, 7-10 PM
W 04/10		
R 04/11		UVU Theater presents <i>Into the Woods</i> , Smith Theater, 7:30 PM

F 04/12		Utah Symphony, The Music of ABBA, Abravanel Hall SLC. 7:30 PM
Sat 04/13		
Sun 04/14		
M 04/15	Class: Meet the Machine—Creativity Under Threat from AI	
T 04/16		Top Golf, Vineyard, 4-6 PM
W 04/17		
R 04/18		
F 04/19		Utah Symphony, Jiji Plays Roderigo's Guitar Concerto, Abravanel Hall SLC, 7:30 PM
S 04/20		Ballet West, <i>Love and War</i> , Capitol Theater SLC 7:00 PM
Sun 04/21		
M 04/22	Final Class: Reflections and Feedback	
T 04/23		Utah Symphony, <i>How to Train Your Dragon</i> , Abravanel Hall SLC, 7:30 PM UVU Music presents The Steelband Concert, Noorda Concert Hall, 7:30 PM
W 04/24		
T 04/25		
F 04/26		GROUP: Antelope Island Campout, 6 PM-noon Saturday Ballroom Dance Spring Concert, Noorda Concert Hall, 7:30 PM.
S 04/27		GROUP: Hogle Zoo Excursion @ 10 AM-3 PM. Guests welcome. (\$16)
Sun 04/28		Choice Event Response #3 Due
M 04/29	Finals Week Begins—No Final in HONR 100R	

Group Activities

Date	Activity	Leader & Contact Info	Logistics
Friday, 1/26	Snowshoe to Big Springs	Dr. Kate McPherson,	Travel by UVU vehicle to Big Springs trailhead, 10 AM. Includes snowshoes. Be prepared for winter hiking. 7 students. 10 AM-3 PM.

Date	Activity	Leader & Contact Info	Logistics
Saturday, 2/3/24	Ladies Day at Sundance Nordic Center		For female-identified students. Includes gear, lesson, and trail pass. Be prepared for cold weather exertion. 7 students.
2/9/24	Learn to Cross-Country Ski	Dr. Kate McPherson, kcmpherson@uvu.edu	Friday, February 9. Carpool to Sundance Nordic, 9 AM-3 PM. Lesson and trail pass included. Be prepared for cold weather exertion. Novices welcome. 7 students.
2/24/24	Full Moon Snowshoe at Sundance	Honors Ambassadors	Travel by UVU vehicle to Sundance Nordic Center, 5 PM. Includes snowshoes. Be prepared for cold weather exertion. 6 students. 5-9 PM. Guests \$17 plus snowshoe rental.
Pending	Book Club	Emmalie Parker	
3/11-16/24	UVU Alternative Spring Breaks	Join your peers to serve and learn in a variety of settings. Apply by 1/24.	Apply and participate in one of several service-learning trips. Honors will pay up to \$50 of your cost for trips up to \$250 and \$75 for trips up to \$400.
3/22-3/24	Capitol Reef Field Station	Dr. Kate McPherson	Experience UVU's own sustainability & science center inside CRNP. No cell or wifi service available
3/27 and 3/28	Telos Space Center Missions		10 students per mission cooperate to solve a problem on a simulated space ship. 6-10 PM.
3/30/24	Color Fest at the Krishna Temple		Learn about and enjoy throwing colors at the Krishna Temple in Spanish Fork
4/6/24	Topaz Internment Camp Excursion, 9 AM-5 PM	Ms. Tiffany Nez	Explore site of Japanese Internment and the museum and in Delta, UT. Travel by UVU vehicle, 9 AM-6 PM. 14 students.
4/26/24	Antelope Island Camping Expedition		Tent camping. 6 PM Friday-Saturday at 2 PM morning. 7 students.
4/27/24	Hogle Zoo Excursion @10 AM-3 PM		Enjoy a day and a picnic at the zoo to celebrate Earth Day. Meet at the zoo at 10 AM-2 PM. 30 students

Date	Activity	Leader & Contact Info	Logistics
			Guests welcome at their own cost.
Saturdays 1/20-4/20 10-11:30 AM	Special Olympics Basket Ball 2020		Assist with at least four sessions of basketball practice for youth with disabilities.
Various	Any OAC Excursion	Join any OAC day-long or overnight excursion, preferably with an Honors friend. https://www.uvu.edu/oac/trips/index.html	Honors will pay cost up to \$25 per semester. Reserve with OAC.