

## Steps to Success for Honors-in-Discipline (HID) Digital Media Majors

### College of Business and Technology

The following steps will help to ensure that you have a successful and enjoyable experience in the Honors-in-Discipline program as a digital media major.

- 1) Speak with your academic advisor.
  - Even if you have already registered for the upcoming semester, make sure that your academic advisor knows that you are an HID student and review your class schedule with your advisor. This will ensure that you are registered for the appropriate classes.
  - Your academic advisor will be Ms. Deborah Stephens (423-439-7141; [stephedc@etsu.edu](mailto:stephedc@etsu.edu)). Her office is located in Wilson-Wallis Hall room 213C.
  
- 2) Introduce yourself to your departmental coordinator for the HID program in the Digital Media Department.
  - One of the primary goals of the departmental coordinator is to act as a mentor to the HID students within the Digital Media Department. This includes helping HID students to know which Honors classes are being offered and/or what they need to be taking, helping students with their research topics, and helping students to find faculty to do research with for their HID thesis.
  - Professor Sarit Somasa (423-439-5118; [somasa@etsu.edu](mailto:somasa@etsu.edu); Niswonger Digital Media Center Room 193) serves as the departmental coordinator for the Honors-in-Discipline students in Digital Media. He will be able to answer your questions about the digital media HID program.
  
- 3) Follow the required HID curriculum for majors in the Digital Media Department which is

Course	Credit Hours
Chose one of the following:	
DIGM 1400.088 Principles of Visual Effects and Motion Graphics OR	4
DIGM 1500.088 Principles of Digital Game Design OR	4
DIGM 1800.088 Principles of Digital Animation OR	4
DIGM 1900.088 Principles of Visualization	4
Chose two (2) of the following courses based on your concentration and with HID advisor approval	
<i>Digital Game Design Concentration</i>	
DIGM 3530.088 Game Design	4
DIGM 3540.088 Interaction for Game Design	4
DIGM 4550.088 Game Play and Testing	4
<i>Digital Visual Effects Concentration</i>	
DIGM 3410.088 Visual Effects Compositing	4
DIGM 3420.088 Motion Graphics	4
DIGM 4410.088 Digital Media for Film and Effects	4
<i>Digital Animation Concentration</i>	
DIGM 4844.088 Effects Animation	4
DIGM 4854.088 Character Animation	4
<i>Digital Visualization Concentration</i>	
DIGM 3110.088 3-D Model Design	4
DIGM 3220.088 Digital Publishing	4
DIGM 4617.088 Advanced Raster-Based Imaging AND	3

4616.088 Raster-Based Imaging Laboratory	1
UHON 3008 Honors Foundations of Research	2
DIGM 4018 Senior Honors Thesis (2 semesters)	6
	20 Total
Notes:	
<p>Notes: If a student has already taken one of the required courses in the HID curriculum, an honors-enhanced course may substitute for that course. An honors-enhanced course is a 3000/4000-level course in the Digital Media department that includes enrichment experiences in addition to the regular course requirements. A form for creating an honors-enhanced section of a course (“Course Enhancement Agreement”) is found on the College’s HID website. The completed form must be submitted to your departmental coordinator within the first two weeks of the semester. The student should work with their departmental HID coordinator to find an honors-enhanced course.</p> <p>Honors-enhanced courses may be used to satisfy no more than two courses (i.e., six - eight credits) of the required hours (upon approval of the departmental HID coordinator). No course enhancements may be substituted for the student's Research Methods or Honors Thesis courses.</p>	

- 4) Read through the college’s HID website (<http://www.etsu.edu/cbat/students/hidPrograms.php>) to know and understand all the requirements for the thesis and other aspects of the HID program.
- 5) Know the retention requirements for the HID program which include:
  - Must be a declared major in business, computing, engineering technology or digital media.
  - Must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester. If you have been awarded an Honors-in-Discipline scholarship, you must take 15 credit hours in all semesters but one thesis semester (upon approval by the Honors College HID Director).
  - Must maintain a minimum overall GPA of 3.25 to remain in good standing within the CBAT HID program. If you fail to meet the GPA requirement, you are allowed one semester of probationary status. If you meet the retention requirements after one semester of probation, you may remain in the CBAT HID program.
- 6) Know the HID graduation requirements. To graduate with honors designation, CBAT HID students must have
  - maintained an overall 3.4 GPA,
  - completed designated HID coursework and General Education requirements, and
  - orally presented a senior Honors thesis (six credit hours), receiving a grade of B or higher on the thesis work.