Taylor University’s Honors Guild is a challenging academic experience for high ability, highly motivated students from across academic disciplines. The Honors Guild seeks to provide an intentional environment where curiosity is nurtured and ideas are examined. The Honors curriculum emphasizes the integration of faith and learning, ideas, and values through discussion-based courses, mentoring relationships, global engagement, and student initiative. The Honors Guild functions as an academic minor, but is designed to offer students a four-year experience through diverse course offerings (many of which meet foundational core requirements) and co-curricular programming.

All Honors Guild students must complete (with a grade of C- or better) a minimum of 18 hours of Honors Guild courses, including three colloquia, and maintain an overall GPA of 3.40 to earn the Honors Guild designation on their official University transcript. Most Honors courses are listed by the departments that offer them, and noted by an “H” after the course number.

Due to the structure of the first year, as well as the intended four-year design, students must apply to the Honors Guild by February 1, prior to their freshman year. Typically, incoming freshmen applying to the program have earned a minimum 3.70 high school GPA and a combined (Math and Reading) SAT score of 1280 or ACT composite score of 28. The application process is competitive due to size limitations. Further information about the Honors Guild, including application procedures, may be obtained by contacting the Director of the Honors Guild.

HNR 120 2 hours
Global Paradigms of Leadership
This seminar style course will explore leadership from diverse, global perspectives. Students will engage leaders and leadership styles from other cultures, studying how the Christian faith integrates into diverse leadership structures.

HNR 225 1 hour
Honors Colloquium
The Honors colloquium is an interdisciplinary course which brings together a group of like-minded students to discuss a variety of topics with a focus on the year’s theme. Requirements for this course include attending a variety of campus lectures and events and engaging in dialogue around “big ideas” in culture, Christianity, and public discourse. Students will have the opportunity to facilitate discussion of a topic of their choosing. May be repeated for credit.

HNR 264 4 hours
Going Up to Glory: Migration and Voice in African American Lives
This interdisciplinary course presents an integrative survey of African American literature and history from African origins through the modern civil rights movement. The historical focus is on the three major migrations African Americans have experienced during this period. Literary selections from multiple genres will span these eras and highlight the development and patterns of African American voice. Meets both the foundational core literature and history requirements. Prerequisite: ENG 110.