

UNIVERSITY OF HARTFORD

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Humanities Center Student Fellowship and Scholarship

Dear Student of High Achievement,

I would like to tell you about a special opportunity available to you through the Humanities Center at the University of Hartford.

The Humanities Center is accepting applications for Student Fellows for next year's honors seminar. Students with a minimum of a 3.0 grade point average who will be sophomores, juniors, or seniors in the 2022-23 academic year are eligible to participate in the Humanities Center as Student Fellows. (Students who will be in their second year of Hillyer College in 2022-23 are not eligible. Current second-year Hillyer students who will be a junior in 2022-23 are eligible.)

As a Fellow, you attend a year-long honors seminar based on a singular theme. **Karen Tejada, Associate Professor of Sociology, will lead the Humanities Center Seminar next year. She has selected the theme of "Decolonizing the University: Ethnic Studies throughout Time" for the seminar.** Here you will get to know some of the brightest and most articulate students at the University of Hartford. You will also attend lectures by both university faculty who are doing research on this theme and visiting speakers. Here is a description of the seminar:

This seminar will focus on the social movements that led to the creation of Ethnic Studies departments in various universities. Starting from the perspective of what it means to be part of a minoritized racial and/or ethnic group in the United States and how much people have fought for and continue to seek their own liberation, this course will focus on topics such as: Latino/a and Afro-Latino/a art and literature; settler colonialism and Indigenous rights; the establishment of centers for Black, Dominican and Puerto Rican Studies; the literature of Asian migrant families; and the ongoing defunding of Ethnic Studies programs.

In the Fall semester, students will create a critical auto-ethnography by writing about their identity in a social, historical and cultural context, exploring how power and privilege are part of their story. The Spring semester will be a series of lectures by faculty members and visiting speakers on the topic of Ethnic Studies.

Students who are selected for this seminar are awarded a fellowship, receive a stipend of at least \$500 and take the seminar for a total of six credits, three in the fall term and three in the spring term.* The courses are listed as HON 389 in the fall 2022 schedule and HON 390 in the spring 2023 schedule. **The class meets both semesters on Monday evenings, 5:00-7:20 pm, and student fellows must take both semesters.**

HON 389-390 will count for the following programs: Communication major (6 credits), Digital Media & Journalism major (6 credits). Africana Studies minor (6 credits). Students majoring in Politics, Sociology and Criminal Justice should check with their advisor.

To apply, send an email by Friday, April 1, to Dr. Karen Tejada (tejada@hartford.edu) and to me (Dr. Nicholas Ealy, Humanities Center Director, at ealy@hartford.edu) that includes the following information:

- a brief explanation of why you want to participate in the Seminar (1 page)
- your major and minor (if you have one)
- your grade point average
- your e-mail address
- your student ID number

If you send your application as an attachment to your email, please make sure that (1) you have your name on the attached document and (2) you have your name as the name of the attached file (example: NicholasEaly.docx or NicholasEaly.pdf).

You will be notified of acceptance by Friday, April 8. Do not attempt to register for HON 389 (Fall '22). Once accepted, you will be registered for it by the Humanities Center. If you have any questions about the application process, please contact me at ealy@hartford.edu. In the meantime, I recommend you register for four classes for fall 2022, as this would be a fifth class for you.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Ealy
Director, Humanities Center

* Students who already receive a full tuition discount are not eligible for the stipend.