

# Honors Courses Summer 2004



**Honors 3000/01 CRN#10610(Honors Colloquium):**

**Language and Identity**

*Second 4-week session*

*Wednesday, 6:00-9:50 p.m.*

*Dr. Sabine Smith, Department of Foreign Languages*

How are language and culture connected? To what extent does a speaker's geographical, psychological, socio-political, or sexual identity impact his/her language? The colloquium is an enquiry into these and related questions, providing students w/ an overview of the major languages and cultures in the world and their manifestations in our society. In this interactive course, students discuss fiction, non-fiction, and films as they address our own, ever more diverse linguistic and cultural environment in both a local and global context. In addition to attending regularly, students will be required to do reflective writing (perhaps in the form of journal entries) and a short oral presentation as their products for the course.

**Honors 2290/01 CRN#10607 (Honors Special Topics):**

**Exploring Current Media Trends**

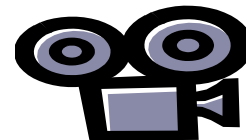
*Eight-week session*

*Tuesday and Thursday, 11:00 a.m.-1:45 p.m.*

*Instructor: Dr. Chuck Aust, Department of Communication*



Current trends in the news and entertainment media give us insight into both the benefits and detriments of media use. This Honors Seminar is designed to help students think more critically about the effects of the media on themselves and society, and will highlight experiential learning: in addition to reading and viewing videos about media trends from "Reality TV" to special effects in television advertising, they will complete assignments such as listening, logging, and reflecting on the content of two noncommercial radio programs and reflecting on their experience with media deprivation. By the end of the semester, they will thoroughly understand the phenomenon of "constructed mediated reality" and its implications for consumer behavior. Students will not be required to take tests, but will submit short writing assignments (such as reaction papers) and one book review.



**Please call the Honors Office at (770) 423-6116 for permission to register.**