

OAS Optional Skill Module:
Get to Know Your Professors

As honors students, you will be taking classes with some of the most respected professors on the UT campus. Your professors are published, extremely intelligent and lead interesting, fun lives, but most importantly, want to get to know you! Your professors are often a wealth of knowledge about their topics of interest and opportunities like research positions, study abroad, upper-division classes, other professors, graduate schools and scholarships. And if you get to know your professors, you can take advantage of all of this knowledge! All of your professors have office hours, and although this time is often used for questions specific to class, you can also use this time to get to know your professors and/or talk to your professors about questions you have related to the class or the subject in general.

Task: For this skill module, you will need to find a scholarly article related to a topic you are studying in class and that YOU ARE INTERESTED IN and bring it to office hours to discuss with your professor. You can do this skill module in conjunction with Learning to Use SciFinder Scholar, the science search engine (an option science skill module) or the "Using Scholarly Databases" section of the required skill module Learning to use the general libraries at UT Austin. Think of a few points that you would like your professor's opinion on, your own take on the article and its relation to what you are studying in class and/or your own academic interests, and any questions you have about points in the article. After speaking to your professor, write 250-500 words about the article, why you choose it, what you talked to your professor about, and what you learned (about the article or your professor).