

HONORS PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

1. Completion of at least 21 credits of Honors coursework

How?

- Take one honors course a semester until you reach 21 credits
- Take a specific Honors course
- Take a Course by Contract (forms available in Honors Hall)
---**only two (2)** Course by Contracts per student are allowed during his/her time in the Honors Program

In order for Honors credit to be granted, the student must earn a grade of "B" or better in the course. Individualized Instruction and Independent Study courses may also be used.

2. Maintain a QPA of 3.25 or higher

- Falling below a 3.25, a student will be called in for a meeting with the Honors Program Director. Honors student will be placed on a one semester warning followed by a one semester probation if grades do not improve.
- Expulsion from the Honors Program will result if QPA minimum is not met
- Please notify the Honors Program Director as soon as possible if you are experiencing any academic problems
- Tutors can be provided through the Academics Committee

3. Independent Study/Individualized Instruction

- Come up with an idea for a class within your area of study
- Find a professor for the class
- Write a proposal in conjunction with your professor.
- Fill out the proper forms available in Honors Hall
- Be aware of due dates
- Secure the proper signatures
- Turn paperwork into the appropriate offices (department, chair, dean, etc.)
- Make sure Honors Hall and you have a copy of all paperwork

4. Internships (Completion of an additional project in your major with an outside organization/business)

How?

- Find an organization/business who is willing to take on an intern
- Complete the necessary paperwork
- Find a faculty advisor who is willing to oversee the internship (a faculty member in your field)
- Review paperwork with your faculty advisor
- Obtain the proper signatures
- Make copies for yourself and Honors Hall files
- Turn paperwork into the appropriate offices

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5. Community Service (two events per semester) this covers any student entering the program after fall 2008.
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 - Supplements Honors coursework
 - Ideas and opportunities for service can be found on the Service Summary Form in Honors Hall
 - Any student not satisfying their semester service time will be placed on probation
 - A minimum of 30 hours must be earned in the service category prior to graduation and in order to graduate with Honors
6. Capstone Project or Senior Honors Thesis Project - reference handout booklet can be found in Honors Hall

Honors Program Perks:

- Priority registration
- Specialized classes
- Small classes
- Scholarships
- Close student-faculty relationships
- Honors Housing and Honors Hall privileges
- Extended library privileges (books may be borrowed for an entire semester, etc.)
- Graduation with Honors diploma and engraved Honors medallion

Special Opportunities:

- State System of Higher Education Summer Honors Study Abroad Program (Tuition Free)
- Participation in the Regional and/or National Collegiate Honors Council Conference
- Membership in Honors Club
- Exciting activities such as hikes, social trips, performances and sporting events to name a few

Graduation:

- Notify the Honors Program Office of your intent to graduate by the first Friday of the semester that you will be graduating