HONORS ADVISOR UPDATE SESSIONS

Oct. 2 and 12, 2017

Director's Welcome Dr. Jennifer Lease Butts

- Introductions
- Staff Updates
- Honors' 50th Anniversary

Medals Ceremony - April 29, 2018

Event - April 28, 2018

The Four Pillars of the Honors Program

- Challenging academics
- Personalized collegiate environment
 - Community
- Engagement and leadership beyond the classroom

Consumer of knowledge Producer of knowledge

Graduation Numbers

- Class of 2017*
 - Honors Scholars: 338
 - University Scholars: 24
 - Total362

*August 2016, December 2016, May 2017

Thank you!



Fast Fact for New Honor First Years: Class of 2021

- ▶ 521 first-year students (517 in Fall 2016)
- By invitation through UConn application (Storrs only)
- Average (New) SAT/ACT: 1436/32
- Average Rank: 96%
- ► IS/OS: 71%/29%
- ► Female/Male: 49%/51%
- ► Merit Scholarships: 98% (offered through Undergraduate Admissions)

Honors Program Enrollment

	2017*	2016	2015	2014	2013
TOTAL	2220	2146	2112	1974	1853
Academic Center for Exploratory Students	129	121	135	124	117
College of Agriculture, Health & Natural Sciences	163	149	127	125	96
College of Liberal Arts & Sciences	1039	982	1008	969	932
School of Business	198	196	180	166	155
School of Business/School of Engineering	18	21	15	18	8
Neag School of Education	17	26	20	26	29
School of Engineering	549	528	507	430	405
School of Fine Arts	35	40	34	36	29
School of Nursing	43	37	42	37	39
School of Pharmacy	29	46	44	43	43

^{*} Preliminary Fall 2017 Honors Program Enrollment

Honors Program Admissions

- As a freshman
 - Review by Admissions Office
 - Holistic review
- As a rising sophomore
 - Review by Honors Program
 - CGPA 3.4 or higher
 - Application (essay, faculty recommendation)
 - Space available basis
 - Due April of freshman year
- As a rising junior
 - Review by Honors Program
 - CGPA 3.4 or higher
 - Application (essay, faculty recommendation, <u>departmental approval of Honors plan</u>)
 - Early bird deadline in February of sophomore year
 - Regular deadline in April of sophomore year



How to Earn Honors Credits

- Courses created as Honors
- Honors versions of existing courses
- Honors discussion or lab sections
- Conversions
- Independent study, research, or thesis courses
- Graduate courses



Sophomore Honors – Academic Requirements

- 16 Honors credits
 - UNIV 1784 1 credit
 - ENGL 2011 4 credits
 - Core course 3 or 4 credits
 - Remainder is student choice
- CGPA of 3.4

UNIV 1784



& chance to learn something for the fun of it!

ENGL 2011 – Honors version of first year writing. Material delivered thematically. Required if student is NOT bringing in credit that fulfills UConn's first year writing requirement.

Core – Interdisciplinary courses designed specifically for Honors students to promote critical thinking, challenge, & flexibility

Sophomore Honors – Extracurricular

Component

- By the end of fourth semester
 - 5 Honors events

- 1 thesis workshop

For many students, the thesis is the first time they have attempted a project of this scale, so it should be viewed as a *learning experience*—no one starts out knowing how to do a thesis!



Our goal is to empower students and inspire new ideas, promote wellness, and provide opportunities for talent development for all students within the Honors Community.



Graduation as an Honors Scholar

- 15 Honors credits
 - 12 at 2000 level or above in major or closely related field
 - 3 from thesis writing course
 - 3 from any 1000 level or above course
 - At least one "traditional Honors course"
 - 2 departments represented
- CGPA of 3.4
- Completion of a thesis

A thesis is a piece of research, scholarship, or a creative product that includes a written document submitted to Honors. Content, format, and length are determined by the department.



Continuation in Honors

Transcripts are reviewed once a year in the summer. We're looking at:

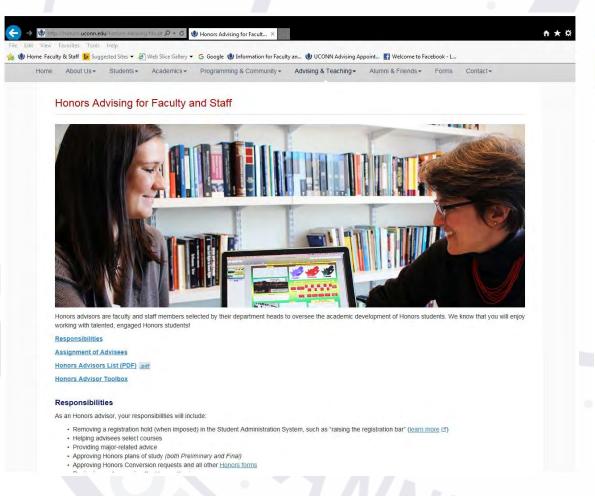
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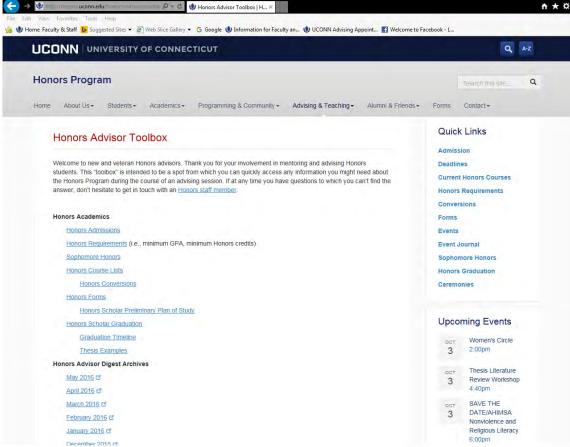
- To avoid dismissal
 - 3.00 at end of freshman year
 - 3.15 at end of sophomore year
 - 3.30 at end of junior year
- To be in good standing regardless of year
 - **3.4**
- Participation Students must earn at least six Honors credits per academic year

Both forms of dismissal have appeal options. If a student wants to stay in Honors, when in doubt, appeal!

Honors Preliminary Plan of Study required by November of junior year for continuation in Honors.

Advisor Resources





Options for Involvement

- Advising (Thank you!)
- Honors course instruction
- UNIV 1784 professor
- Thesis supervisor
- Honors events
- Conversion supervisor



Honors Board Task Force

Q & A THANK YOU!