Cultivating Creativity
The Honors Curricular and Co-Curricular Experience

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HONORS PROGRAM
View a **short video** about Honors requirements.
Two Graduation Awards

Honors Scholar in the Major

In-depth study, creative productivity in the major

University Honors Laureate

Adds breadth, additional creative productivity, leadership
Honors Scholar

Modified 15 credit award based on in-depth work in the major field, culminating in a thesis or creative project.

• 15 Honors credits
  – 12 at the 2000 level or above, in the major/related field
    • 3 from a thesis class
    – 3 credits from any level in the major/related field
  • Engagement in the major field

3.4 CGPA +
Thesis/Creative project
Engagement in the Major

Out-of-class activities that indicate in-depth work in the major field. These activities allow the department to define what it means to be an Honors Scholar in that particular field.

Examples of potential Engagement in the Major activities

- Attendance at a conference
- Involvement in a related student organization
- Involvement in an internship
- Attendance at on-campus events such as Frontiers in Undergraduate Research or a departmental symposium
University Honors Laureate Highlights

30 credits (including Honors Scholar in the Major) that balance depth and creativity in field with breadth across curricular and co-curricular experiences.

- Provides flexibility in timing to support more students (joining Honors after 1st yr, including regional campuses) and more academic programs
- Honors credits must include courses in arts & humanities; social sciences; STEM; and multiculturalism & diversity
- Interdisciplinary Honors Core course requirement
- Honors event requirements
- Academic enrichment requirement (Academics in Action)
- Leadership requirement
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Honors Scholar in the Major

- 15 Honors credits in major or related:
  - 12 at 2000-level or higher, including 3 for thesis
  - 3 at any level
- Engagement in major field
- Thesis or creative project
- 3.4 GPA

Additional Requirements

- 15 additional Honors credits in any subject:
  - 6 at 2000-level or higher
  - 9 at any level
- Co-curricular requirements:
  - Honors Events
  - Academics in Action
  - Leadership

30 Honors credits total, including 3 each of:
Honors Core • Art & Humanities • Social Sciences • STEM • Diversity & Multiculturalism
University Honors Laureate Coursework

- 3 Thesis
- 9 major/related, 2000+ level
- 3 major/related, any level
- 6 2000+ level
- 9 any level

30 total Honors credits

3 credits of:
- Honors Core
- Arts & Humanities
- Social Sciences
- STEM
- Diversity & Multiculturalism
Honors Events

• Designed to broaden students’ exposure to a variety of co-curricular opportunities and ideas
• Attend and reflect upon at least 10 approved Honors events (at least one event in each category):
  – Career, Professional, and Personal Development
  – Honors Community Development
  – Academic & Interdisciplinary Engagement
  – Multiculturalism & Global Citizenship
  – Social Change, Service, & Sustainability
Leadership

• Students will be able to:
  – articulate a personal definition of leadership
  – exercise leadership that creates positive change in a community of practice
  – reflect critically to learn from the process and identify future leadership development
• Can do anytime starting spring of first year
• Workshops and leadership coaching with an Honors Guide for Peer Success (Honors GPS)
Academics in Action

• Students will complete and reflect upon an academic enrichment experience that is:
  – Academic in nature (not limited to major)
  – Representative of creativity or innovation
  – Shared with an authentic audience

• In addition to or beyond that required by the thesis or capstone project
  – May be related to thesis or capstone project, such as presenting thesis work at a research event (on campus or professional conference)
Continuation in Honors

First-Year Honors Seminar (UNIV 1784)
  • Required in the first semester for all entering first year Honors students.

Minimum Honors Credit
  • 6 Honors credits per academic year

Minimum GPA Requirement
  • 3.00 after 1st year (three years remaining)
  • 3.15 after sophomore year (two years remaining)
  • 3.30 after junior year (one year remaining)

Preliminary Plan of Study
  • Needs Honors advisor’s approval
Honors Advising Partnership

- Honors advisors will be able to assist students in choosing coursework to meet requirements for either/both awards.
- Honors advisors will work with departments to determine criteria for engagement in the major field.
- Honors will provide tools, training, and support for Honors advisors moving to the new requirements.
- Honors will support co-curricular requirements for University Honors Laureate, including both advising and tracking.
Questions, Training, & Tools

Questions?

Resource
Honors Advisor Toolbox
https://honors.uconn.edu/honors-advisor-toolbox/