

Informatics, BS

Honors

Honors in the Major

Students majoring in informatics have the opportunity to graduate with honors in the major. They must maintain a minimum UI cumulative grade-point average (GPA) of 3.33 and a minimum major GPA of 3.50; additionally, students complete 4–6 s.h. of CS:3990 Honors in Computer Science or Informatics and submit an acceptable honors thesis or project. At any time, students can communicate to the computer science professional advisor that they have an honors interest and can have that designation placed on their academic record.

A student is responsible for finding a faculty member willing to supervise the honors project. The student can register for CS:3990 Honors in Computer Science or Informatics under the project supervisor's name once the faculty member approves the proposed project and a timetable for the work. Once that is accomplished, the student must then communicate with the Department of Computer Science honors director, who changes the student's status to denote the student is pursuing honors in the major. It is not necessary to have declared an honors interest before finding a thesis supervisor and beginning to pursue honors in the major, but the student must be coded as pursuing honors prior to completing the application for degree.

An honors project can be completed in one semester, but it usually takes two semesters to complete. In the final semester, a student must register for CS:3999 Computer Science or Informatics Honors Cohort. The honors thesis/project must be approved by the thesis supervisor and then submitted to the honors director who will give initial approval that the student can graduate with honors in the major. Final approval is given after final grades are submitted and all requirements are met. For more details regarding project requirements, see Honors in Computer Science on the department's website.

University of Iowa Honors Program

In addition to honors in the major, students can pursue honors study and activities through membership in the University of Iowa Honors Program. Visit Honors at Iowa to learn about the university's honors program.

Membership in the UI Honors Program is not required to earn honors in the informatics major. However, the semester hours earned in CS:3990 Honors in Computer Science or Informatics can be used to partially satisfy the UI Honors requirement of 12 s.h. of experiential learning coursework.

For more information, contact the Department of Computer Science honors director.