Honors in the Major

Students have the opportunity to graduate with honors in the major. Honors students must maintain a grade-point average (GPA) of at least 3.50 in work for the major and a cumulative University of Iowa GPA of at least 3.33; the UI cumulative GPA is set by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. In order to graduate with honors in the major, they must complete all work for the major and write an acceptable honors thesis on a significant topic related to the major. Students who write their honors thesis in philosophy should consider preparing for the thesis by taking PHIL:3950 Readings in Philosophy; students who write in economics should consult the coordinator of the Ethics and Public Policy program for an appropriate course; students who write in political science should take POLI:4000 Honors Seminar on the Study of Politics; and students who write in sociology and criminology should consider taking SOC:4997 Honors Seminar. Contact the coordinator of the Ethics and Public Policy program for more information.

University of Iowa Honors Program

In addition to honors in the major, students have a variety of opportunities for 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 ethics and public policy major.