

# University of Iowa Honors Program

## Director

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**Website:** <https://honors.uiowa.edu/>

## Academic Plans

### Sample Plan of Study

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, see MyUI.

## University Honors

### Joining Honors as First-Year Students During Fall Semester

Course	Title	Hours
<b>Academic Career</b>		
<b>Any Semester</b>		
Students may apply to the honors program as entering first-year, entering transfer, or current University of Iowa students. <sup>a</sup>		
Honors: To graduate with University Honors, students must have a University of Iowa cumulative GPA of at least 3.33.		
<b>Hours</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
HONR:1100	Honors Primetime	0
HONR:1000	Introduction to Honors	1
Honors section of a GE course such as RHET:1030 Rhetoric: Writing and Communication, ENGL:1200 The Interpretation of Literature, CHEM:1110 Principles of Chemistry I, or SEES:1100 Age of Dinosaurs <sup>b</sup>		3 - 4
Meet with an Honors Peer Mentor during drop-in hours		
Select Honors courses for spring semester		
Study Abroad: attend Study Abroad Fair (explore experiential learning options) <sup>c</sup>		
Research: attend Fall Undergraduate Research Festival (FURF) (explore experiential learning options)		
Consider applying to become an Honors Outreach Ambassador (explore experiential learning options) <sup>d</sup>		
Consider Honors Program scholarship opportunities <sup>e</sup>		
Read the weekly Honorable Messenger email bulletin for honors community events and announcements		

Complete the pre-experience questionnaire as part of the Honors Reflection Process for possible honors experiential learning credit for experiences such as internships, study abroad, service learning, LA or TA positions, and volunteer/paid/uncredited research

<b>Hours</b>		<b>4-5</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
Honors section of a GE course such as RHET:1030 Rhetoric: Writing and Communication, ENGL:1200 The Interpretation of Literature, CHEM:1110 Principles of Chemistry I, or SEES:1100 Age of Dinosaurs		3 - 4
Meet with an Honors Peer Mentor by the end of the academic year		
Explore 1, 2, or 3 s.h. Honors staff-taught courses such as HONR:2900 Honors Publications: From Pitch to Print or HONR:2991 Honors Students and Wellness or HONR:2993 The Art of Creativity		0 - 3
Select Honors courses for fall semester		
Consider applying for an Honors Writing Fellow position (explore experiential learning options)		
Research: attend Spring Undergraduate Research Festival (SURF) (explore experiential learning options)		
Research: explore research opportunities for summer or second year (explore experiential learning opportunities) <sup>f</sup>		
Consider applying for an Honors Student Staff position for the coming academic year <sup>g</sup>		
Complete the pre-experience questionnaire as part of the Honors Reflection Process for possible honors experiential learning credit for experiences such as internships, study abroad, service learning, LA or TA positions, and volunteer/paid/uncredited research		
<b>Hours</b>		<b>3-7</b>
<b>Summer</b>		
Summer jobs and volunteering often qualify for experiential learning credit. Check with an honors advisor or complete the pre-experience questionnaire as part of the Honors Reflection Process for possible honors experiential learning credit.		
Summer is a great time to pursue mentored research. Complete the pre-experience questionnaire as part of the Honors Reflection Process for possible honors experiential learning credit for your volunteer/paid/uncredited research.		
<b>Hours</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>Any Semester</b>		
Continue to enroll in honors sections of courses until you reach at least 12 s.h. of honors coursework credit.		
<b>Hours</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Fall</b>		
HONR:2990	Honors Second-Year Seminar: Meaning, Motivation, and Experiential Learning	2
Honors section of a GE course such as RHET:1030 Rhetoric: Writing and Communication, ENGL:1200 The Interpretation of Literature, CHEM:1110 Principles of Chemistry I, or SEES:1100 Age of Dinosaurs		3 - 4

Explore 1, 2, or 3 s.h. Honors staff-taught classes such as HONR:2900 Honors Publications: From Pitch to Print or HONR:2994 Poetics (Taylor's Version) or HONR:2992 Classic Cult Cinema  
 Meet with an Honors Peer Mentor by the end of the academic year <sup>h</sup>

Study Abroad: attend Study Abroad Fair (explore experiential learning options) <sup>c</sup>

Research: attend Fall Undergraduate Research Festival (FURF) (explore experiential learning options)

Consider applying to become an Honors Outreach Ambassador (explore experiential learning options) <sup>d</sup>

Select Honors courses for spring semester

Consider Honors Program scholarship opportunities <sup>e</sup>

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**Hours** **6-9**

**Spring**

Honors section of a GE course or a contract course in your major/department <sup>i</sup> 3 - 5

Check University Honors degree audit <sup>j</sup>

Explore 1, 2, or 3 s.h. Honors staff-taught classes such as HONR:2900 Honors Publications: From Pitch to Print or HONR:2991 Honors Students and Wellness or HONR:2993 The Art of Creativity 0 - 3

Meet with the Honors Advisor for your major: is Honors in the Major right for you?

Research: attend SURF; consider what research questions you might pursue

Research: explore research opportunities for summer or third year <sup>f</sup>

Consider applying for an Honors Student Staff position for the coming academic year <sup>g</sup>

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**Hours** **3-8**

**Summer**

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**Hours** **0**

**Third Year**

**Fall**

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Explore honors experiential coursework such as RHET:3560 Public Policy and Persuasion, LS:1024 Hawkeye Service Breaks, etc.

Explore 1, 2, or 3 s.h. Honors staff-taught classes such as HONR:2900 Honors Publications: From Pitch to Print or HONR:2994 Poetics (Taylor's Version) or HONR:2992 Classic Cult Cinema

Consider Honors Program scholarship opportunities <sup>e</sup>

Complete the pre-experience questionnaire as part of the Honors Reflection Process for possible honors experiential learning credit for experiences such as internships, study abroad, service learning, LA or TA positions, and volunteer/paid/uncredited research

Consult with an Honors Peer Mentor or a member of the Honors Professional Advising Staff to ensure that you are on track with University Honors curricular requirements

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**Hours** **0**

**Spring**

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**Hours** **0**

**Summer**

Summer jobs and volunteering often qualify for experiential learning credit. Check with an honors advisor or complete the Honors Reflection Process for possible honors experiential learning credit.

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**Hours** **0**

**Fourth Year**

**Fall**

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Explore 1, 2, or 3 s.h. Honors staff-taught classes such as HONR:2900 Honors Publications: From Pitch to Print or HONR:2992 Classic Cult Cinema or HONR:2994 Poetics (Taylor's Version)

Complete any remaining assignments (pre- and post-experience questionnaires and narrative) as part of the Honors Reflection Process for possible honors experiential learning credit for experiences such as internships, study abroad, service learning, LA or TA positions, and volunteer/paid/uncredited research

Consult with Honors Records, Enrollment and Analytics Specialist or Honors Advising Director for pre-approval to graduate with University Honors

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**Hours** **0**

## Spring

Complete any remaining assignments (pre- and post-experience questionnaires and narrative) as part of the Honors Reflection Process for possible honors experiential learning credit for experiences such as internships, study abroad, service learning, LA or TA positions, and volunteer/paid/uncredited research

Check University Honors degree audit <sup>k</sup>

Consult with Honors Records, Enrollment and Analytics Specialist or Honors Advising Director for pre-approval to graduate with University Honors

Graduate with University Honors

<b>Hours</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>16-29</b>

- a Please see the Honors at Iowa website at <https://honors.uiowa.edu/join-program> for further details and application instructions.
- b An Honors course must be completed in the first semester of Honors membership.
- c To earn honors credit for study abroad students complete questionnaires and a narrative piece. See details on the Experiential Learning pages on the Honors at Iowa website.
- d Typically advertised in Honorable Messenger or email [honors-advisor@uiowa.edu](mailto:honors-advisor@uiowa.edu) for more information.
- e Submit by deadline which is typically early in the spring semester. Successful recipients in the past have consulted web resources at <https://honors.uiowa.edu/honors-scholarships>.
- f Consult OUR Ambassadors or visit [our.research.uiowa.edu](http://our.research.uiowa.edu).
- g Check the weekly Honorable Messenger or email [honors-program@uiowa.edu](mailto:honors-program@uiowa.edu).
- h Optional for students who have completed the 12 s.h. University Honors coursework requirement.
- i Students are expected to continue to enroll in an honors section of a course each semester until they reach at least 12 s.h. of honors coursework credit.
- j Report missing honors credit to the Honors Assessment Manager.
- k Students must complete the experiential learning requirement by graduation.