# University of Iowa Honors Program

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## 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

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### Spring

- Honors section of a GE course such as RHET:1030 Rhetoric, ENGL:1200 The Interpretation of Literature, CHEM:1110 Principles of Chemistry I, or EES:1070 Age of Dinosaurs
- Meet with an Honors Peer Mentor by the end of the year
- Explore 1, 2, or 3 s.h. Honors staff-taught courses such as HONR:2900 Honors Publications: From Pitch to Print or HONR:2990 Experiential Learning Orientation or HONR:2992 Classic Cult Cinema
- 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)
- Consider joining Phi Eta Sigma (PES) honor society
- Consider applying for an Honors Student Staff position for the coming academic year
- 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

### Summer

- 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.

### Hours

- **First Year**
  - **Fall:** 0 hours
  - **Any Semester:** 0 hours

- **Second Year**
  - **Any Semester:** 0 hours

- **Hours**
  - **Total:** 3-7

### Hours

- **Fall:** 0 hours

- **Hours**
  - **Total:** 0 hours

- **Hours**
  - **Total:** 5-6
Consider applying to become an Honors Outreach Ambassador (explore experiential learning options)

Select Honors courses for spring semester

Consider Honors Program scholarship opportunities

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/un credited research

### Spring

| Hours | 5-6 |

Honors section of a GE course or a contract course in your major/department

Explore 1, 2, or 3 s.h. Honors staff-taught classes such as HONR:2900 Honors Publications: From Pitch to Print or HONR:2990 Experiential Learning Orientation or HONR:2992 Classic Cult Cinema

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

Consider applying for an Honors Student Staff position for the coming academic year

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### Summer

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### Third Year

| Hours | 0 |

Fall

Check University Honors degree audit

Explore honors experiential coursework such as RHET:2090 Conversation Practicum, 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:2990 Experiential Learning Orientation or HONR:2991 Honors Students and Wellness

Attend FURF

Consider Honors Program scholarship opportunities

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### Fourth Year

| Hours | 0 |

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:2990 Experiential Learning Orientation or HONR:2991 Honors Students and Wellness

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/un credited 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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a Please see the Honors at Iowa website at https://honors.uiowa.edu/join-program for further details and application instructions.
b Required except for students whose majors or programs require a different first-year seminar, e.g. Tippie Direct Admits.
c An Honors course must be completed in the first semester of Honors membership.
d 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.
e Typically advertised in Honorable Messenger or email honors-advisor@uiowa.edu for more information.
f 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.
g Consult OUR Ambassadors or visit our.research.uiowa.edu. Eligibility is determined by GPA and class ranking. Membership is by invitation.
h See Student Employment page on Honors at Iowa website. Usually advertised early in the spring semester.
i Optional for students who have completed the 12 s.h. University Honors coursework requirement.
j Students must complete the 12 s.h. University Honors coursework requirement by the end of second year spring semester.
k Report missing honors credit to the Honors Assessment Manager.
m Students must complete the experiential learning requirement by graduation.