

University of Iowa Honors Program

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

Programs

Undergraduate Program of Study University Honors

Honors at Iowa helps students tailor opportunities to different educational needs and goals. Honors students may take honors courses each semester that they are enrolled at the university. Honors courses are generally small and interactive. They connect students with distinguished professors and offer new topics each semester. Honors courses also are part of the GE CLAS Core curriculum and do not add requirements for graduation.

Honors Coursework

First Semester

Students begin honors work in their first semester.

Course #	Title	Hours
HONR:1000	Introduction to Honors	1
HONR:1100	Honors Primetime (taken immediately before the fall semester begins)	0
	An honors course that fulfills a student's major or general education requirement	3-4

Students who enter the honors program directly from high school may also take an honors first-year seminar with selected professors on current topics.

Subsequent Semesters

After the first semester of in the program, 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.

Students in their third year of study and beyond may take honors courses in their majors or pursue individual instruction with faculty members through honors courses such as HONR:3994 Honors Research Practicum. Students may also earn honors credit for a non-honors course by developing an honors contract with the course instructor; the student and instructor negotiate a unique project for the course and develop the honors contract around the project.

Additional academic opportunities include honors advanced seminars, honors independent studies, and honors practica in teaching and service.

To learn more, visit Honors Requirements on the program's website.

Experiential Learning

In addition to coursework, students must complete and report on 12 s.h. of experiential learning. These cocurricular activities come in many forms and vary in scale and depth.

Students often complete three to four signature experiences including but not limited to study abroad, internships, research, leadership positions, service and volunteering, relevant work, teaching assistantships, fellowships, and practica. Experiences from a student's first day of classes at UI can be considered for credit.

Find more information on experiential learning opportunities by visiting Experiential Learning on the Honors at Iowa website.

Joining the Honors Program

Students may apply to the University of Iowa Honors Program as entering first-year, entering transfer, or current University of Iowa students. Current students are encouraged to apply prior to earning 30 s.h. in coursework. This enhances the benefit the student may get through their honors participation.

To remain in the Honors Program and to graduate with University Honors, students must complete the program's curricular requirements. At the time of graduation, students must have a UI cumulative grade-point average of 3.33 for "University Honors" to be recorded on their transcript. For more information about joining the University of Iowa Honors Program, see Join on the program's website.

Graduation With University Honors

Students who graduate with University Honors through the UI Honors Program are recognized at commencement. University Honors is noted on a student's diploma and transcript. UI Honors Program students completing any undergraduate degree program may graduate with University Honors.