

Honors Program in Engagement & Scholarship (HOPES)

Honors Program Mission

The Honors Program in Engagement & Scholarship (HOPES) will empower student scholarship and encourage active citizenship, leadership, and devotion to the common good.

Honors Program Description

The Honors Program in Engagement & Scholarship (HOPES) is a concentration or minor program that encourages motivated students to explore challenging and interdisciplinary curricula. Coursework emphasizes critical thinking, an interdisciplinary attitude, a broad worldview, and a commitment to serving others.

Honors Program Student Learning Goals and Outcomes

| Student Learning Goals | Student Learning Outcomes |
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| Think critically, reflectively, and independently | Design self-created learning experiences that have clearly articulated goals |
| | Analyze problems/situations to formulate informed opinions, conclusions, or solutions |
| | Interpret texts (manuscripts, textbooks, original works, scholarly journals, etc.) from various disciplines |
| | Conduct independent and ethical research |
| Exhibit a commitment to community awareness, involvement, and service | Enact solutions to real-world problems for individuals and society |
| | Reflect on a civic effort which addresses civic responsibility and citizenship |
| Demonstrate excellence in verbal and written communication | Present ideas logically and effectively - verbally |
| | Present ideas logically and effectively - written |
| Engage with diverse perspectives in order to cultivate cultural competence and an appreciation of differences | Analyze current and historical international issues and aspects of global culture |
| | Demonstrate foreign language proficiency at an intermediate level (minor only) |
| | Collaborate actively with diverse local and global partners |
| | Appraise issues from multiple viewpoints |

Admission and Retention

To be eligible for admission, it is suggested that first-year students have earned a high school GPA of 3.25 or higher (on a 4.00 scale) -or- a minimum composite ACT score of 25 -or- a total SAT score of 1200 or higher. Students seeking admission after at least one academic term at a college/university must have a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher. Potential participants should also be self-motivated, committed to community, and dedicated to learning. The program is open only to baccalaureate students taking eight or more credits each term.

To be retained in the Honors Program, students must have a minimum 3.00 GPA in Honors courses and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher. Students whose Honors or cumulative GPA falls below the required minimum will be placed on probation status. Students whose GPA falls below the required minimum for two consecutive semesters will be dropped from the program.

The Honors Program is an opportunity for students to earn an interdisciplinary minor or concentration. A minor in Honors requires the completion of 25-27 semester hours within the program. Course requirements for most majors permit enough “open” electives to accommodate the addition of Honors coursework.

Students participating in the Honors Minor engage in lively seminar discussions, conduct independent study and research, participate in community service projects, and earn public recognition for their achievements.

Honors Minor

Two honors (“H”) classes that satisfy general education or diversity requirements.¹

Two semesters of foreign language, including the option of American Sign

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| HON 250H | Foundations of Leadership | 3 |
| HON 252H | Visionaries of the Past | 2 |
| Select one of the following: | | 3 |
| HON 264H | Thinking Outside the Box | |
| Study Abroad | | |
| An Honors Elective | | |
| HON 351H | Integrity and the Examined Life | 3 |
| HON 391H | Community Problem-Solving | 3 |
| HON 395H | Citizenship and Service | 3 |
| HON 491H | Honors Program Capstone | 1 |
| Total Hours | | 25-27 |

¹ Some academic majors may require completion of specific General Education or Diversity courses and may not be able to accept Honors Program substitutions. Students should routinely consult with their academic advisors.

The Honors Program is an opportunity for students to earn an interdisciplinary minor or concentration. A concentration in Honors requires the completion of 16-17 semester hours within the program. Course requirements for most majors permit enough "open" electives to accommodate the addition of Honors coursework.

Students participating in the Honors concentration engage in lively seminar discussions, conduct independent study and research, participate in community service projects, and earn public recognition for their achievements.

Honors Concentration

Required Core:

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| HON 191H | The Honors Community | 1 |
| HON 351H | Integrity and the Examined Life | 3 |
| HON 391H | Community Problem-Solving | 3 |
| or HON 395H | Citizenship and Service | |
| HON 491H | Honors Program Capstone | 1 |

Choose 8-9 credits from the following: **8-9**

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| HON 250H | Foundations of Leadership | |
| HON 251H | Culinary Arts and Entertaining | |
| HON 252H | Visionaries of the Past | |
| HON 264H | Thinking Outside the Box | |
| HON 391H | Community Problem-Solving | |
| HON 395H | Citizenship and Service | |

Total Hours **16-17**

*A course can only be used once to fulfill requirements for a single category