

University Honors & Scholars Center Guidelines for the Proposal of Semester-based Honors Programs

Approval Process: Unit > College > University Honors & Scholars Center (Honors Faculty Advisory Committee) > Approval > Council on Academic Affairs

Introduction: In accordance with the mission of the university Honors program of developing and supporting the intellectual and personal development of high ability undergraduate students, the following expectations should be dealt with in some fashion in your responses below. Honors programs should:

- promote significant interaction between faculty and students;
- develop the creative abilities of Honors students;
- require high standards of academic achievement;
- include Honors courses that require enhanced breadth and depth of material;
- expose students to use of methodology and research techniques
- promote intellectual exchange among students;
- promote interdisciplinary work and study

Please address the following:

A. Purpose of continuing and converting this program:

Honors leadership at the Newark Campus will be changing hands in September, 2011. Although as a campus, we expect to rethink the honors program in the coming year, so that it better serves the needs of our students, we do not wish to propose radical changes until the new leadership is in place. Therefore, we are suggesting a continuation of the current system, as described below, on the semester system.

B. Students to be served (number to be advised, enrollment process, eligibility for continuance, reinstatement process (if applicable), communication with students, etc.)

Currently, we have an average of 15 to 20 honors students annually, with about 250 honors-eligible students who we encourage to take advantage of honors offerings. Because many students transfer to Columbus after the first year, we ask them to wait to enroll in honors until they are on the Columbus Campus while encouraging them to fulfill honors requirements in anticipation of joining honors there. Students with a 30 ACT and top 10% (or 32 ACT and top 15%) of

graduating high school class are automatically given the honors designation. The majority of our students, however, are invited to apply after having completed 15 college credits and earned a 3.4 GPA. (Invitations are sent winter quarter and application is made through individual advising meetings with Honors director). Students who do not fulfill course requirements for honors lose their honors designation. Communication with students is largely through email.

C. Specific structure of Honors Program requirements - Note: The proposed college standards must be equal to or greater than the university standards listed below. If the college wishes to propose a substitution for a standard, a description and explanation of how this would fulfill the goals of the Honors requirement will be necessary.

1. GPA requirement to maintain Honors status:

University standard: 3.4 at the end of every year (if desired, 3.3 end of first year only)

Proposed college standard: Same as Above

2. Requirements to enter Honors program after matriculation or transfer to the university:

University standards: 3.4 GPA
Minimum 1 semesters of credit earned (15 credits) at Ohio State

Proposed college standard: Same as Above

3. Course requirements to maintain Honors status:

University standard: 6 Honors, upper division (3000+), or graduate-level courses over the first 2 years (maximum of 2 Honors embedded courses)

Proposed college standard: 6 Honors, Honors Embedded, or Upper Division Courses in the First Two Years

Note: If requesting an exception for your college program or for specific major(s) within your college, please describe the proposed equivalent Honors experience and provide a rational

4. Program requirement to maintain Honors status/graduate in the Honors Program:

University standard: Progress towards completion of an approved Honors program, i.e., Honors thesis for graduation with distinction, or program to graduate with Honors in the discipline

Proposed college standard: Same as Above
Please provide details and any supporting documents or forms (e.g., checklists, contracts, etc.) to describe your proposed program.

D. Honors Courses (if applicable - new, modified) None

E. Staffing of program (Honors committee, Honors advisors, faculty mentors, etc.)

1 Honors Director/Adviser for general honors students

1 Honors Advisor in general Advising Office

Honors Committee consists of Honors Director, (Katherine Borland, Assistant Dean) Honors Advisor (Linda Mathews), and Four Faculty Representatives (Bruce Mainland, Elizabeth Weiser, Dick Shiels, Mary Bendixen-Noe)

F. Letter of support from unit head (dean, chair, director, etc.)

This completed form and supporting materials should be sent electronically to Anne Krabacher (krabacher.4@osu.edu), Associate Director, University Honors and Scholars Center, for approval, and then forwarded to the Office of Academic Affairs for review by CAA. Questions? Contact Anne Krabacher at 292-3135.

College Requirements to Maintain Honors Status Semester Version

Program Name: Ohio State University – Newark Campus

Honors Director:

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GPA Requirement: 3.4 overall; 3.3 overall at the end of the first year only

Course Requirements:

6 Honors, upper division (3000+), or graduate-level courses over the first 2 years (maximum of 2 Honors embedded courses)

Graduation Program Requirement:

Progress towards completion of an approved Honors program, i.e., Honors thesis for graduation with distinction, or program to graduate with Honors in the discipline

Requirements to Enter Honors after Enrollment at OSU or Transfer to OSU:

Minimum 1 semesters of credit earned (15 credits) at Ohio State

Special instructions for Students transitioning from quarters:

Please meet with Honors Directors to ensure that requirements are being met