HONORS PROGRAM

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The University Honors Program (UHP), established by the Academic Senate in 1983, recognizes the achievements and capabilities of outstanding students. The program enriches undergraduate education by offering a personal, intensive approach to learning through small classes of 20 or fewer students and individualized collaborations with faculty.

There are various categories of Honors recognition awarded at graduation. The four-year University Honors curriculum is comprised of Discovery Honors courses plus either Departmental or Interdisciplinary Honors experiences. Departmental Honors is a two-year curriculum of enriched work in an academic department, and can be pursued either as a part of the University Honors Program or on its own. Interdisciplinary Honors is made up of three high-impact experiences plus a thesis. No award is given for completion of Discovery Honors courses alone; either Departmental Honors or Interdisciplinary Honors work is required to graduate with University Honors.

Admissions

The Office of Admissions identifies a number of qualified incoming first-year students to be admitted to the Honors Program. In addition, first-years whose grades are in the top 10% of their year in each college are invited to join the program in January. Students may also petition to join the program if they have a GPA of at least 3.5. Admission to Departmental Honors is determined by each department; many require no invitation or petition.

Approved high-impact experiences that count toward Interdisciplinary Honors include:

- Study abroad in a UNH managed, exchange, or approved program of at least 8 weeks
- Completing the application process for a major national fellowship
- An IROP, SURF, or other approved research experience
- Named co-authorship on a publication in a peer-reviewed journal
- A presentation at a regional or national academic conference
- A Social Innovation Summer Internship
- Study away at the Washington Center or Semester in the City
- Other approved high-impact experience (by petition)

Students should consult with Honors Program advisers before the beginning of Junior year to decide which track they will pursue...

GPA minimum

Honors Program members entering before the Fall of 2017 must maintain a GPA of 3.0 in the Freshman year and 3.4 thereafter. Members entering in or after the Fall of 2017 must maintain a GPA of 3.2 in the Freshman year and 3.5 thereafter. Students who do not reach the required GPA by the end of each academic year will be notified and offered an opportunity to petition to remain in the program. Students must meet the required GPA in order to graduate with University Honors.

For more information, contact the University Honors Program, email honors.program@unh.edu, (603) 862-3928. The Honors Program is located in Conant Hall, Suite 115.