



UAH Honors College

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It's about excellence! The Honors College is a campus-wide enriched academic experience for especially talented undergraduate students in all majors and disciplines, that fosters excellence in critical thinking, personal creativity, intellectual development and independent research. The Honors College offers specially focused courses, optional extracurricular activities, housing with other Honors students, and dedicated one-on-one advisement that complements a student's program of study.

Honors Academics – Learn!

Summary of Honors Diploma Requirements

How do you complete the Honors Diploma? Here's how! The following summarizes the requirements for receiving the Honors Diploma. See below for the Honors Certificate. In case of unusual circumstances, the Director determines fulfillment of the requirements on a case-by-case basis. For college specific information, refer to our website honors.uah.edu.

- **24 semester hours of Honors course credit**, including the Honors thesis, are required to receive the Honors Diploma.
- An overall 3.25 GPA at graduation (starting Spring 2014)
- Required courses
 - EH 105: Honors English Seminar - 3 semester hours
 - HON 100: Honors Lecture Series (formerly Honors Forum) or HON 120: Honors Inquiry - 2 or 3 semester hours total
 - Honors Thesis course (3 semester hours in HON or your department)
- Remaining hours may be from any of the following categories. 3 hours **MUST** be from 300/400 level.
 - Honors sections of regular courses
 - Specially designed courses just for Honors
 - Honors lab sections including lecture credit
 - Foreign language course credit
 - Honors contracts
 - Honors Internship

Summary of Honors Certificate Requirements

Students who want to participate in the Honors College but who may not be able to complete the entire 24-hour honors credit hour requirement have the choice to pursue the Honors Certificate of Completion of Upper-Level Requirements. Please talk to the Honors Office first; you may still be able to complete the full Honors Diploma. Requirements for the Certificate are as follows:

- **12 semester hours of Honors courses**
 - 6 hours from any 300 or 400 level course (or Honors contract)
 - Must include an approved Honors Research/Creative Project
 - An additional 3 hours of Honors coursework

Honors Retention Standards

Honors students are required to maintain a 3.25 GPA to stay in the program. In order to receive the Honors Diploma upon graduation, one must have a cumulative 3.25 grade point average or higher and have completed the necessary Honors coursework.

Honors Advisement

What's the best way to make sure you're on track for the Honors Diploma? Come visit the Honors Office for a one-on-one advisement session! We talk about your class options in the Honors College, what will work best with your major and answer any questions you may have regarding Honors courses. **Every Honors student is required to come in for Honors advisement once per year!**

Honors Community – Get involved!

Honors College Student Assembly

The Honors College Student Assembly is made up of enthusiastic Honors students who enjoy coordinating student activities and community service projects for the College. Everyone is encouraged to participate by running for office, attending council meetings to stay informed or by simply attending Honors events

The Honors College also provides opportunities for Honors students to take part in Huntsville community events such as free tickets to the Huntsville Chamber Music Guild performances and the Huntsville Literary Association's Shakespeare festival every spring.

Honors Mentoring Program

The Honors Mentor Program is an ever-changing, ever-evolving aspect of the Honors College. The mission of the Honors Mentoring Program is to assist the needs of incoming Honors students, both academically and socially, by providing guidance, confidence and a welcoming community feel during their transition to the Honors College community and the UAH campus. Mentors provide incoming freshmen with all the information they need and organize fun activities to help with the adjustment to life at UAH.

Honors Ambassadors

Each year the Honors College chooses several outstanding Honors student leaders who will serve as Honors Ambassadors and represent/promote the Honors College to prospective students, parents, and the UAHuntsville campus. Honors Ambassadors will attend events such as Honors Recruitment Days, UAH Open Houses, Honors student activities and Freshmen Orientations. Honors Ambassadors play an important role in increasing awareness of the Honors College within the Huntsville community and on campus. Each Ambassador brings a different experience and perspective to the program and is chosen on the basis of GPA, involvement in the program and a short interview with the Honors Office.

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