

Honors Program Scholar

- 3.3 cumulative GPA
- 3 semesters (minimum) participation in the Honors Program
- 9 hours (minimum) of Honors Coursework with grades of “A” or “B” (credit/no credit is not acceptable)
- Beyond the minimum of 3 semesters/9 hours, 3 hours of Honors credit for each semester in the program

This designation is indicated on the transcript and students are given red cords to wear at Commencement.

Honors Program Scholar with Merit

previously Certificate in University Honors

- 3.5 cumulative GPA
- 4 semesters participation in the Honors Program
- A minimum of 12 hours of Honors Coursework with grades of “A” or “B” (credit/no credit is not acceptable), including one of the following:
 - Advanced Honors Colloquium (IDS 202.xx)
 - Undergraduate Research Participation (IDS 285/286) (at least 3 hours)
 - Independent Honors Study (299) (at least 3 hours)
 - Honors Thesis (IDS 395) (at least 3 hours)

This designation is indicated on the transcript.

Honors Program Scholar with Distinction

previously University Honors Scholar

- 3.65 cumulative GPA
- 4 semesters participation in the Honors Program
- A minimum of 24 hours of Honors coursework with grades of "A" or "B" (credit/no credit is not acceptable), including two of the following:
 - Advanced Honors Colloquium (IDS 202.xx)
 - Undergraduate Research (IDS 285/286) (at least 3 hours)
 - Independent Honors Study (299) (at least 3 hours)
 - Honors Thesis (IDS 395) (at least 3 hours)
 - Honors Research Mentorship/Scholarship
 - Departmental Honors Scholar

This designation is indicated on the transcript and the diploma.

Departmental Honors Scholar

- Special academic work leading to a student being designated as a Departmental Honors Scholar is available in all academic departments or schools in the University.
- Though the criteria for becoming a Departmental Honors Scholar vary from one department or school to another, all students who wish to receive Departmental Honors must be a member in good standing of the Honors Program.
- Criteria for this designation are available on the Honors Program web site, in the Honors Program Office, or from department/school offices.
- This designation is indicated on the transcript and diploma.

Laude Designations

- Graduating “with honors” is indicated by the Latin term *laude*.
- This distinction is based on cumulative GPA and has nothing to do with the Honors Program.
- Students must earn a minimum of 50 hours at ISU and have a cumulative GPA between 3.65 and 4.0.
 - Cum laude is 3.65 to 3.79; magna cum laude is 3.80 to 3.89; summa cum laude is 3.90 to 4.0.
- This designation is indicated on the transcript and diploma, and students receive cords to wear at Commencement.