

# Today's Agenda

- ▶ Your Honors Facilitator presents:  
*How to **BE** an Honors Student*



# “Navigating the Honors Program”

- Canvas Quiz
- Open now
- Highest score is recorded
- Due by Monday, December 2 at 11:55 pm
- Will not be reopened after the deadline

# Be a *Scholar*

## Honors Learning Experiences

- ▶ Track your experiences
- ▶ Plan what you want to accomplish



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### Track Your Honors Learning Experiences

Fall	Spring	Summer Honors Learning Experiences are not required in the summer; however, a summer Honors Learning Experience can be banked if the bank is "empty" or can fulfill the participation requirement for the following fall semester.
Fall 2024 Honors Mindset Seminar	Spring 2025	Summer 2025
Fall 2025	Spring 2026	Summer 2026
Fall 2026	Spring 2027	Summer 2027
Fall 2027	Spring 2028	Summer 2028
Fall 2028	Spring 2029	Summer 2029

#### Six Honors Learning Experiences

- Honors Seminars
- Honors Sections
- Honors Contracts
- Honors Research
- Honors Explorations
- Honors Travel

#### Honors Participation Requirement

Honors students are required to complete one Honors Learning Experience each semester (fall and spring).  
Part time students (fewer than 12 hours) must complete one Honors Learning Experience for every 12 hours earned.  
When students are enrolled in the following experiences, they are not required to complete an Honors Learning Experience.

- Study abroad (semester programs)
- Student teaching (registered for STT 399)
- Fall semester of Professional Development School Internship
- Field-based semesters for Special Education majors (not practicum)
- Full-time internships (12 credit hours)
- Full-time clinical rotations (Medical Lab Science majors)

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## Possible Graduation Designations

Honors Program	GPA Recognition
Honors Program Scholar	Laude
Honors in the Major	



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### Honors Program Graduation Designations

#### Honors Program Scholar

Participation in the Honors Program allows students to earn the special "Honors Program Scholar" designation. The designation is indicated on student transcripts and in the Commencement Booklet. Honors Program Scholars also wear a red cord at Commencement.

There is no application process for this designation. Qualifying students will be awarded the designation automatically if they meet the criteria.

#### Requirements:

- Earn a minimum 3.3 cumulative GPA at the time of graduation;
- Participate in the Honors Program a minimum of 3 semesters;
- Successfully complete a minimum of three Honors Learning Experiences; and
- Continue to complete one Honors Learning Experience each semester in the Honors Program through graduation.

Summer term does not qualify as a semester. Students may petition by providing a compelling rationale for an exception.

#### Honors in the Major

The Honors Program seeks to facilitate customized learning for Honors students in their disciplines by offering the opportunity for students to engage in Honors education and to have Honors Learning Experiences in upper division courses.

#### Benefits to Students:

- Students engage in an enriched and extended learning experience.
- Students develop as scholars and gain an edge over their peers by choosing a rigorous preparation in their field of study.
- Students demonstrate independent research or creative productivity directly related to their major in a culminating project.
- The designation "Honors in the Major" will be noted in the Commencement Book and on the student's transcript and diploma.

#### Requirements:

Departments/Schools partner with the Honors Program to specify the types of Honors Learning Experiences required to achieve this designation. General requirements include:

- Earning a minimum 3.3 cumulative GPA at the time of graduation;
- Earning a minimum 3.5 major GPA at the time of graduation;
- Completing one Honors Learning Experience each semester in the Honors Program through graduation;
- Successfully completing the Honors Learning Experiences specified by the Department/School.

### University Graduation Recognition

**Cum Laude:** Cumulative GPA between 3.65 - 3.79; White cords to wear at Commencement

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# Honors Program Designations

## Honors Program Scholar

- Awarded automatically to qualifying students
- Recognized in the Commencement Book and transcript
- Students wear a red cord at Commencement

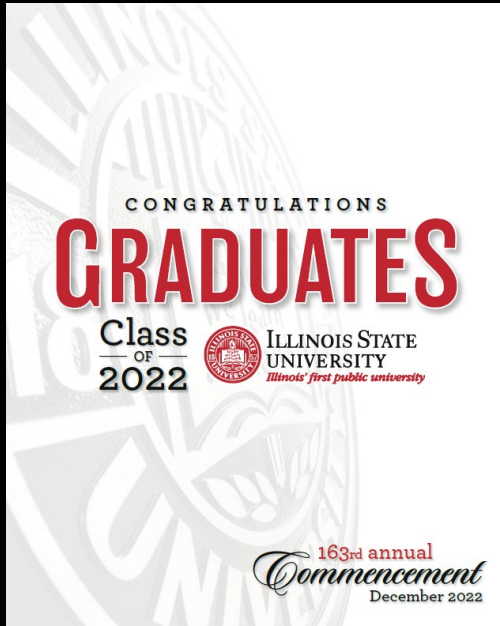



# Honors Program Designations

## Honors in the Major (optional)

- Specific criteria for each major available on the Honors website
- General framework is the same for everyone:
  - Earn a minimum 3.3 cumulative GPA at the time of graduation
  - Earn a minimum 3.5 major GPA at the time of graduation
  - Complete one Honors Learning Experience each semester in Honors through graduation
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# Honors Program Designations: Honors in the Major



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# Honors Program Designations: Honors in the Major

## Honors in the Major: CSD

- 2 Honors Learning Experiences in CSD
  - Honors Contracts in two 300 level CSD classes
- Honors Capstone
  - Honors Independent Study: CSD 299 for 3 credit hours, OR
  - Honors Thesis: HON 395 for 3 credit hours

### Communication Sciences and Disorders

Students in the Honors Program can choose to pursue various designations to earn upon graduation, including *Honors in the Major*. By completing *Honors in the Major*, students will:

- engage in an enriched and extended learning experience;
- develop as scholars and gain an edge over their peers by choosing a rigorous preparation in their field of study;
- be recognized in the Commencement Book, transcript, and on the diploma.

Students earn this designation at graduation; requirements, including being in good standing with the Honors Program, are reviewed at the end of the final semester:

1. 3.3 cumulative GPA
2. 3.5 major GPA
3. Fulfill Honors Program participation requirements: 1 Honors Learning Experience per semester in the program, including the final semester (students are not required to complete an Honors Learning Experience when they are off-campus)
4. Complete 2 Honors Learning Experiences in CSD, specifically:
  - a. Honors Contract in a 300 level CSD course
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5. Complete an Honors Capstone Experience, specifically:
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## Honors Liaisons = Honors resource in your major

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## Honors Liaisons

Every Department/School has an Honors Liaison, often faculty or an advisor, who can guide students in how they can incorporate their Honors Learning Experiences into their major requirements. Liaisons are a great resource for students, especially when considering pursuing Honors Research.

### College of Applied Science and Technology

<b>Agriculture</b> Maria Boerngen <a href="mailto:maboern@ilstu.edu">maboern@ilstu.edu</a>  Michelle Kibler <a href="mailto:mlkibler@ilstu.edu">mlkibler@ilstu.edu</a>	<b>Criminal Justice Sciences</b> Charles Bell <a href="mailto:cabell6@IllinoisState.edu">cabell6@IllinoisState.edu</a>  David Lane <a href="mailto:dclane1@IllinoisState.edu">dclane1@IllinoisState.edu</a>	<b>Family &amp; Consumer Sciences</b> Luke Russell <a href="mailto:ltrusse@IllinoisState.edu">ltrusse@IllinoisState.edu</a>
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# Honors Program Graduation Designations

- ▶ Good Standing
  - Probation or Suspension is not Good Standing
- ▶ Be aware of Suspension in your last semester
  - Must complete an HLE to return to Good Standing
    - Even if you would normally not have to complete an HLE (less than full time, student teaching, etc.)

# Laude designations

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# Be *Engaged*

## Graham Cracker Challenge

- ▶ Thursday, December 5
  - 7 - 9 pm
  - Honors Program Building
- ▶ Limited spots available
  - 16 teams of 5





# Honors Advising

## What could I discuss with my advisor now?

- Long-term academic planning
- Initial review of personalized plan of study
- Summer classes/transfer credit
- Involvement
- Study Abroad
- Scholarships



# Honors Advising

Spring 2025

- Primary advisor: Honors
- Advising appointments begin in early February
  - Summer registration dates posted on February 1
- Apply to a major/minor in My Illinois State in February
- Fall registration starts on March 24

# Honors Advising

Fall 2025 & beyond

- Primary advisor:  
Department/School Advisor
- Honors Advisor available for  
Honors-specific questions and  
general assistance/advice



# Be a *Leader*: Student Leadership Team

- Honors Peer Mentors, Community Assistants, and EDI Mentors
- Paid positions
- Spring application process
- Announcement on the listserv or email [honors@ilstu.edu](mailto:honors@ilstu.edu) for info





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# *Spring* into Honors

**Thursday, January 16, 1 – 4 pm**

- Welcome back from the Honors Program
- Check in with Honors Advisors
- Verify plan for Spring Honors Learning Experience
- Hot cocoa bar and treats