Today’s Agenda

- Your Honors Facilitator presents: How to **BE** an Honors Student
Be a Scholar

Honors Learning Experiences

- Track your experiences
- Plan what you want to accomplish

Track Your Honors Learning Experiences

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Six Honors Learning Experiences

- Honors Seminars
- Honors Sections
- Honors Contracts
- Honors Research
- Honors Explorations
- Honors Field

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 (majors and minors)
- Fall semester of Professional Development School Internship
- Field-based internships for Special Education majors (not practices)
- Full-time internships (12 credit hours)
- Full-time clinical rotations (Medical Lab Science majors)
Be a Scholar

Possible Graduation Designations

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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 gold 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 3.5 cumulative GPA at the time of graduation;
- Participate in the Honors Program for a minimum of 3 semesters;
- Successfully complete at least three Honors Learning Experiences and;
- 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 opportunities to 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 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 Booklet and on the student's transcript and diploma.

Requirements:

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

- Earning a minimum 3.5 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 cord to wear at Commencement

Magna Cum Laude: Cumulative GPA between 3.80 - 3.99; Lavender cord to wear at Commencement

Summa Cum Laude: Cumulative GPA of 4.0; Gold cord to wear at Commencement
Honors Program Scholar

• 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 3 Honors Learning Experiences
• Continue to complete 1 Honors Learning Experience each semester in the Honors Program through graduation
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
  ▪ Successfully complete the Honors Learning Experiences specified by the Department/School
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
Honors Program Designations: Honors in the Major

Honors Liaisons = Honors resource in your major

Honors Program

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.

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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

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

- **Magna Cum Laude**
  - Cumulative GPA between 3.80 - 3.89
  - **Lavender** cords to wear at Commencement

- **Summa Cum Laude**
  - Cumulative GPA between 3.90 - 4.0
  - **Gold** cords to wear at Commencement
Be Engaged

Graham Cracker Challenge

- Thursday, December 7
  - 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 2024

• Primary advisor: Honors
• Advising appointments begin in early February
  ▪ Summer registration starts on February 19
• Apply to a major/minor in My Illinois State in February
• Fall registration starts on March 25
Honors Advising

Fall 2024 & beyond

• Primary advisor: Department/School Advisor

• Honors Advisor available for Honors-specific questions and general assistance/advice
Student Leadership Team

- Honors Peer Mentors, Community Assistants, and EDI Mentors
- Paid positions
- Spring application process
- Watch for announcement on the listserv or email honors@ilstu.edu for more information
Honors Peer Mentor Spotlight
Be an Honors Student