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Introduction to The Honors Program

Today's Agenda

- ▶ Grade Point Average
- ▶ Requirements
- ▶ Maintaining “***Good Standing***”
- ▶ Graduation Designations
- ▶ Honors Travel: Study in the States



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“Navigating the Honors Program”

► Canvas Quiz

- **Opens:** November 16 at 7 am
- **Closes:** November 30 at 11:55 pm
- Can be taken multiple times; highest score will be recorded
- Will not be re-opened once it closes



Honors Program Good Standing

- ▶ Grade Point Average
 - 3.3 cumulative Grade Point Average
- ▶ Participation
 - 1 Honors Learning Experience (HLE) ***each semester***
- ▶ Good Standing = Not on Honors Probation or Suspension
 - Required for certain Honors opportunities, such as graduation designations, employment, and Honors Travel



Honors Program Grade Point Average

- ▶ 3.3 cumulative Grade Point Average = **Good Standing**
- ▶ 3.0 – 3.29 cumulative GPA = **Probation**
- ▶ < 3.0 cumulative GPA = **Ineligible to continue** in Honors
 - Appeal process is available



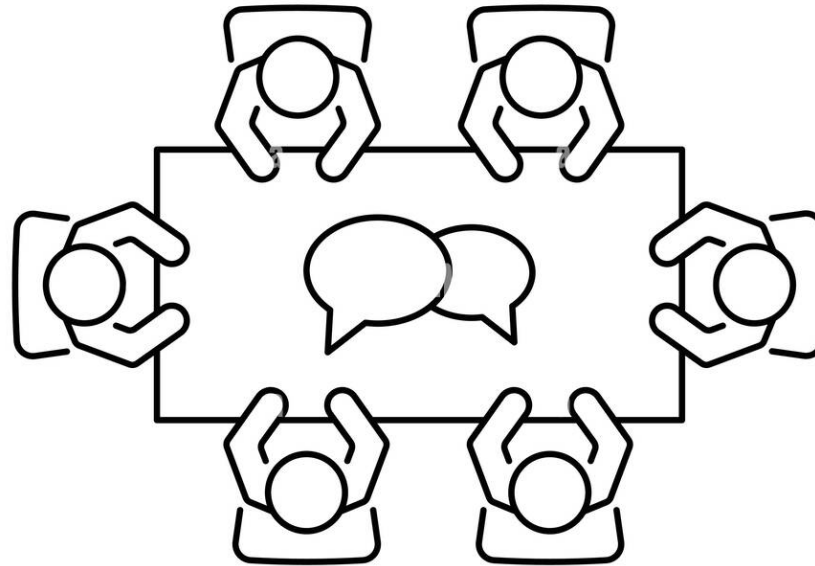
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Honors Program Grade Point Average

- ▶ 3.0 – 3.29 cumulative GPA = **Probation**
 - Up to two Probation Semesters
 - Earn a 3.3 **semester** GPA to earn a 2nd probation semester
 - If given a 2nd probation semester, cumulative GPA must be back to 3.3 by the end.



Honors Program GPA Review



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Honors Program GPA Scenario 1

- ▶ Reggie Redbird is in the Honors Program.
Reggie earned a 2.9 semester GPA in the fall.
The cumulative GPA is 3.44.
- ▶ What happens to Reggie?
- ▶ **Nothing.**
All good!
The cumulative is still above 3.3.



Honors Program GPA Scenario 2

- ▶ Bruce the Goose is in the Honors Program and earns a 2.9 fall semester GPA.
Bruce's cumulative GPA is 3.15.
- ▶ What happens to Bruce?
- ▶ **“Honors Probation” for the spring semester.**



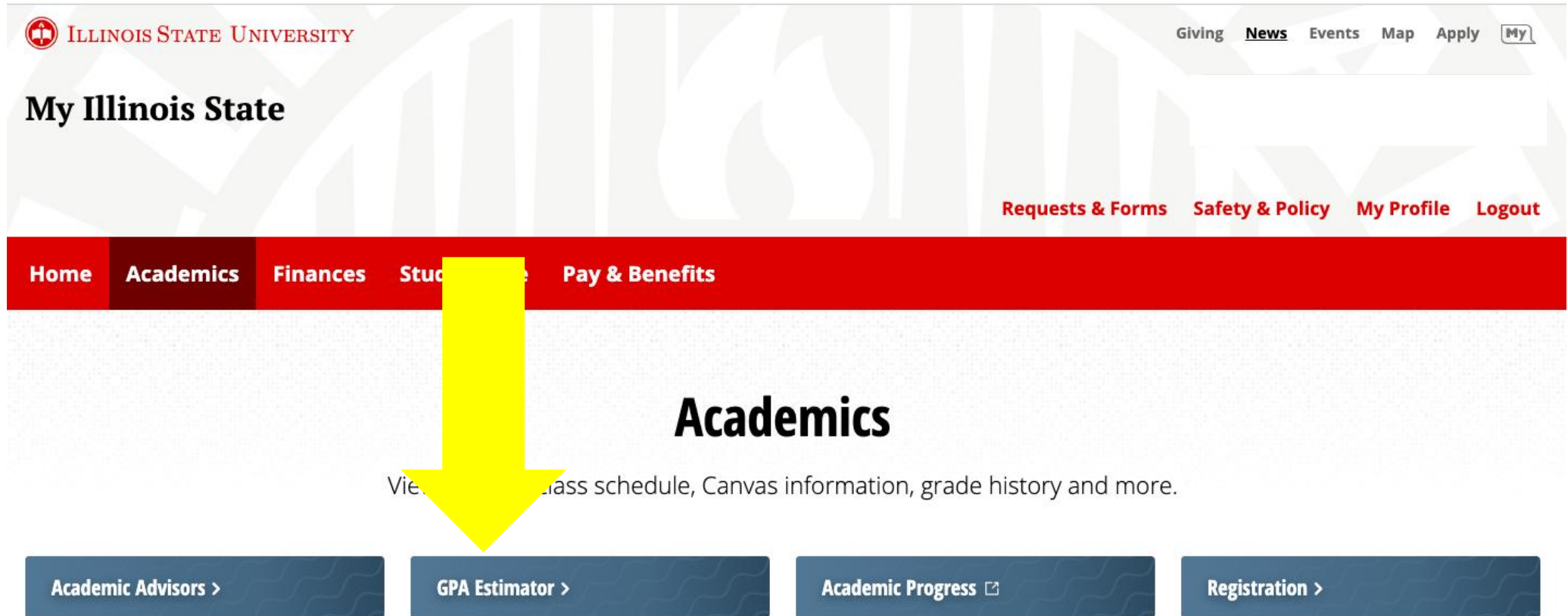
Honors Program GPA Scenario 3

- ▶ It's the spring and Bruce is on Honors Probation. Bruce's spring semester GPA is 3.40, which brings the cumulative GPA to 3.24.
- ▶ What happens to Bruce now?
- ▶ **2nd probation semester in the fall.**

Must end the 2nd probation semester with a minimum 3.3 cumulative GPA to continue in the Honors Program.



GPA Estimator in My Illinois State



The screenshot shows the 'My Illinois State' portal. At the top left is the Illinois State University logo. To the right are links for Giving, News, Events, Map, Apply, and My. Below this is a navigation bar with Home, Academics, Finances, Student, and Pay & Benefits. A yellow arrow points from the 'Academics' link to the 'GPA Estimator >' button in the bottom row of buttons. Other buttons in the bottom row include Academic Advisors >, Academic Progress (with an external link icon), and Registration >. The Academics section title is prominently displayed in the center, with a subtext: 'View your class schedule, Canvas information, grade history and more.'

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GPA Estimator

Fall Semester 2026

Total Hours:

85 prior to courses in progress

Cumulative GPA:

4.00 prior to courses in progress

Personal Financial Literacy For The College Student FIL 141	3	A
United States Military History HIS 278	3	A
Selected Topics In Non-Western History HIS 307	3	A
Psychopathology PSY 350	3	A
Social Psychology PSY 223	3	A

Projected Semester GPA:

4.00

Projected Cumulative GPA:

4.00

Honors Program Participation

- ▶ Seminar requires a B or better to continue in Honors
- ▶ 1 Honors Learning Experience (HLE) each semester
 - 4 years = 8 semesters = 8 Honors Learning Experiences
- ▶ Other Honors Learning Experiences that result in a grade require a C or better



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Honors Program Participation

- ▶ Participation is **not** required during the following situations:
 - Study abroad for full semester
 - Fall semester of PDS, Field based semester (SED), Student Teaching semester
 - Full-time (12 **credit** hours) internship
 - Final 2 semesters for Medical Lab Science majors



Honors Program Participation: Banking an HLE

- ▶ “Banking” an Honors Learning Experience (HLE)
- ▶ Multiple HLE in a semester:
“*Bank*” 1 for a future semester
- ▶ Only 1 HLE in the “*bank*” at a time



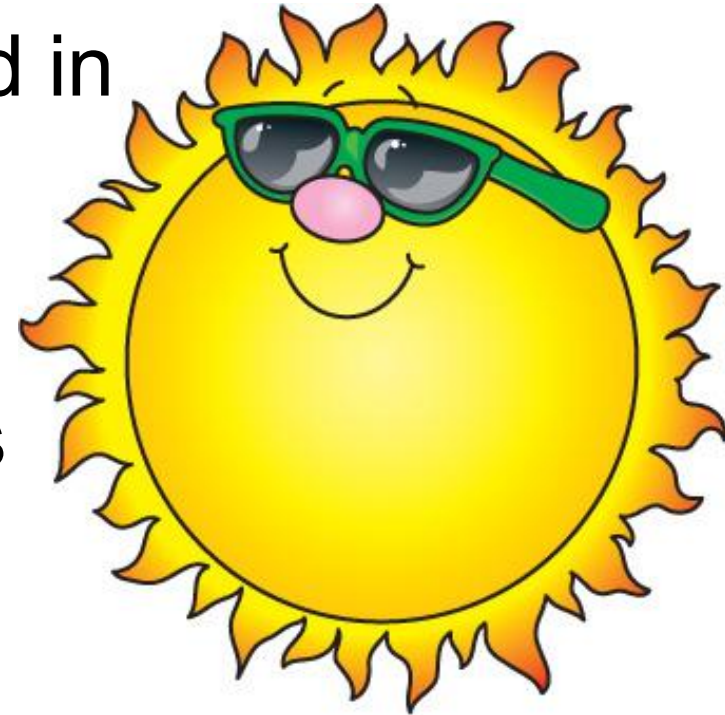
Honors Program Suspension

- ▶ Did not complete an Honors Learning Experience and there is no HLE in the “*bank*”
- ▶ Honors Suspension for the following semester:
 - “Regular” registration time ☹️
 - Must complete *one* Honors Learning Experience while on Honors Suspension; don’t have to make up the missed HLE
 - Only one semester of Honors Suspension



Honors Program Participation: Summer

- ▶ Honors Participation is not required in the summer
- ▶ If you complete a summer HLE...
 - It will be “*banked*” if your bank is empty, OR
 - It will be applied to the following fall semester



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Honors Program Probation vs. Suspension

Probation

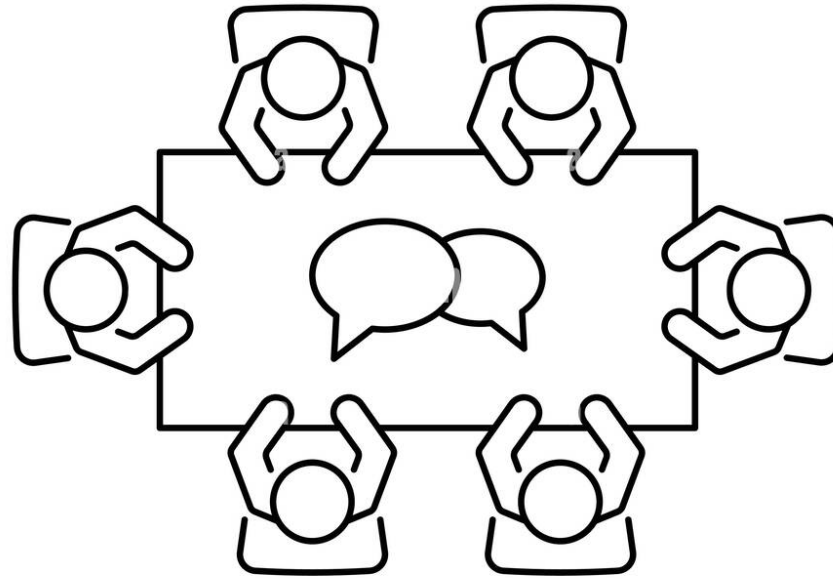
- ▶ Probation is related to Grade Point Average.
- ▶ Probation can happen multiple times if GPA fluctuates.
- ▶ Early registration.

Suspension

- ▶ Suspension is related to Honors Learning Experiences.
- ▶ Suspension can only happen once.
- ▶ “Regular” registration.



Honors Program Requirements Review



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Honors Program Requirements Review

- ▶ What are the two main requirements for **Good Standing**?
 - ✓ **3.3 cumulative GPA; 1 HLE each semester**



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Honors Program Requirements Review

- ▶ What is it called when your GP**A** is not quite high enough?

✓ **Honors Probation**



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Honors Program Requirements Review

- ▶ What is the penalty for not completing an Honors Learning Experience?
 - ✓ **Honors Suspension; lose the privilege of early registration**



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Fast forward: graduation!



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Possible Graduation Designations

Designation	Is the Honors Program required?	Cords
Honors Program Scholar	Yes	Red
Honors in the Major	Yes	Silver
Laude	No; based on GPA	Yes



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Honors Program Designations

Both designations require being in good standing with the Honors Program at the time of graduation.

Award	GPA	Semesters in Honors	HLEs
Honors Program Scholar	3.3 cumulative	Minimum of 3	1 per semester through graduation
Honors in the Major (Optional)	3.3 cumulative 3.5 major	Minimum of 3	1 per semester through graduation; complete specific requirements for major

Honors Program Designations

Honors Program Scholar	Honors in the Major
All Honors students <i>should</i> earn this	Optional for Honors students to choose to pursue
Choose Honors Learning Experiences	Complete Honors Learning Experiences required by major
Variety of topics and Honors Learning Experiences; or can focus on your favorite	Honors Learning Experiences are major related and focused



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HON 102A17: Honors Mindset Seminar

Students complete this seminar as their first Honors Learning Experience in the fall semester to which they have been admitted to the Honors Program.

Fall 2026 Honors Program Materials Week 3 (August 31 - September 4)

[Honors Program Requirements and Policies](#)

[Honors Learning Framework and Requirements handout](#) 

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Honors Learning Experiences

Honors students choose one of the six Honors Learning Experiences each semester to customize their education and add value to their degree.



Honors Sections >

These interactive courses emphasize deep exploration of content, as well as hands-on experiences that encourage application of course topics.



Honors Contracts >

Collaborate with an instructor to turn a regular course into an Honors Learning Experience.



Honors Seminars >

These courses are grounded in one or more of the Dimensions of Honors Learning, address special topics, and facilitate the development of the Honors community.



Honors Research >

Initiate research or independent projects in all disciplines. Hone investigative and critical thinking skills under the guidance of a faculty member.



Honors Explorations >

Examine topics with an Honors facilitator and other Honors students.

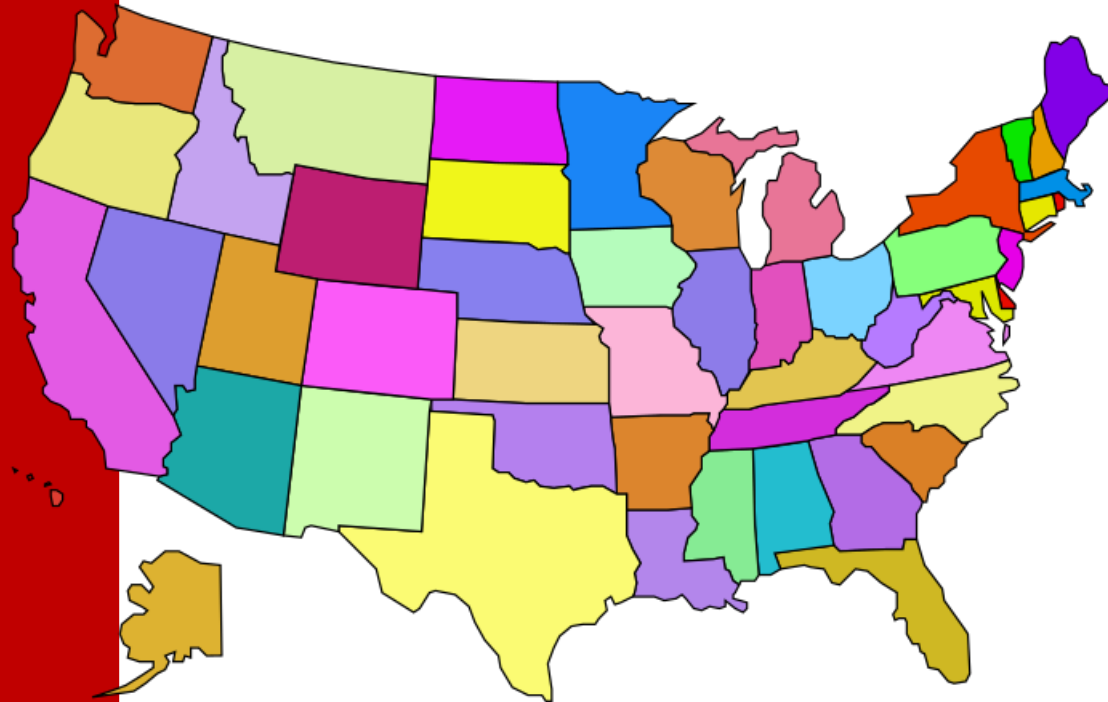


Honors Travel >

Experience learning in real-world settings beyond the campus.



Honors Travel



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Honors Travel: Honors Study in the States

- ▶ Partnership with Campus Recreation and Outdoor Adventure
- ▶ Spring Honors Learning Experience
- ▶ Study in the States Components
 - Mandatory pre-trip meetings
 - Travel over Spring Break
 - Leadership development and building community





Honors Travel: Honors Study in the States

- ▶ Friday, March 5 – Sunday, March 14, 2027
- ▶ Application opens September 15; deadline is November 1
- ▶ Trip highlights
 - Camping
 - Glass bottom boat tour
 - Manatee snorkeling tour
 - Service with Florida Trail Alliance





Honors Travel: Honors Study in the States

Info Sessions

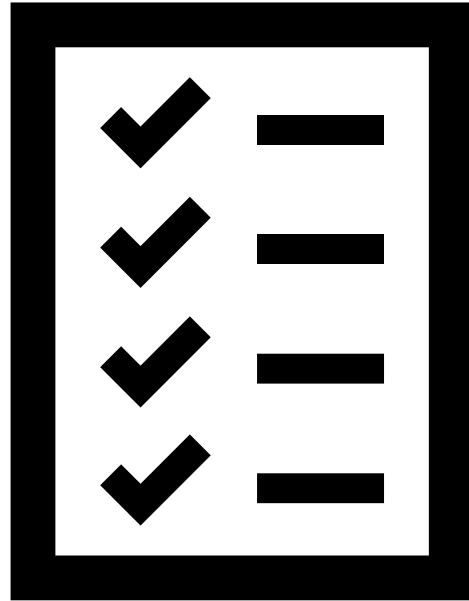
- ▶ Monday, September 14 at 5:45 pm
- ▶ Tuesday, September 15 at 5 pm
- ▶ Thursday, October 8 at 6 pm

All info sessions will take place in the Honors Program Building.



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Honors Program Information



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Things to try: tutoring, grade history, course registration, tech help, etc...

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 [Student Center](#)

 [Pay/Review Account](#)

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Honors Program Events

- ▶ **Welcome Picnic**
 - Thursday, September 10;
RSVP by September 8
- ▶ This semester:
 - Fall Festival
 - Graham Cracker Challenge



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Announcements for Next Week

- ▶ Read the pre-class readings on Study Skills: Countering Procrastination and post your pre-class assignment
- ▶ Your instructor will run the class activity as a model for the group presentations

