## Welcome to the Honors Program

# New Honors Student Orientation: Honors Scholar & University Honors Laureate





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## **Our Time Together Today**

An Introduction to the UConn Honors Experience: Explore, Create, Lead

**Honors Academic Information** 

Honors Scholar in the Major University Honors Laureate

**Honors Advising, Tools, & Support** 

**Engaging in the Honors Community** 

Q & A Session



# The Honors Experience: A Community of Scholars





## **OUR VISION**

Producer of Knowledge

Consumer of Knowledge

The Honors Experience develops students into future leaders through strong academic and co-curricular engagement.









## **HONORS COURSES/ACADEMICS**

Interdisciplinary Core Seminars
Across the UConn Curriculum
In the Major & Related

## COMMUNITY DESIGNED FOR PERSONAL, SOCIAL, & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Honors Events
Honors Learning Communities

**HONORS EDUCATION ABROAD** 



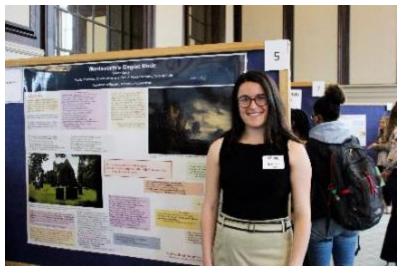
## CUTTING-EDGE RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIP

Varies by discipline
Support throughout college career
Collaboration with peers & faculty

## **THESIS & CREATIVE PROJECTS**

Required capstone Honors thesis/project
Independent/group work in area of interest
Supervision by leading faculty
Funding to support work











#### HONORS LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Students enacting positive change for the common good

#### **HONORS STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**

Variety of interest groups

#### PEER MENTORING PROGRAMS

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

## PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS OF RESEARCH

Frontiers in Undergraduate Research
Professional conference presentations
Journal publications

#### **NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS &**

FELLOWSHIPS: Rhodes, Marshall, Mitchell, Truman, Goldwater, Fulbright



## **The Honors & Enrichment Program Team**

https://honors.uconn.edu/honors-enrichment-staff/



## **Honors & EP at Regional Campuses**

- All Honors & EP staff accessible via virtual appointments
- Honors Liaison and Honors advisors on each campus
- Honors requirements same on all campuses;
   Honors status campus changes with you



# The Honors Experience: Honors Academic Information



## **Honors Academics Overview**

How do you earn Honors credits and how do they fit into your program of study?

## **Types of Honors Courses**

- General Education
- Honors intro courses in major
- Honors Core Course
- Honors major/related courses
- Independent study
- Honors thesis

## **Earning Honors Credits**

- Honors courses (same or different catalog numbers)
- Honors discussion sections
- Course Conversion (sometimes group conversions)
- Graduate Courses

Pace: 1 - 2 Honors classes per semester



## **Honors Academics Overview**

How is Honors noted on your transcript?

## **Transcript Notes**

- B- or higher to be eligible for Honors credit
- <u>"Honors credit" notations</u> listed on transcript (except for graduate courses)
- "Honors Program" notation for enrolled semesters



## Remaining in Honors Good Standing

## **Minimum Honors Credits**

 Must complete at least six Honors credits per academic year

## **Minimum GPA**

- 3.400 for "Good Standing" in Honors Program
- Honors Probation or Dismissal if GPA less than 3.400
- ✓ GPA/credit reviews done each summer.
- Students contacted via UConn email.
- ✓ Appeal processes for dismissals.





## **Graduation: Honors Scholar**

## **Requirements**

- 15 Honors Credits from major and closely related fields, including:
  - 12 credits at 2000+ level, including at least 3 credits of thesis work
  - 3 additional credits at any level
- Honors Thesis in major or closely related field
- 3.400 GPA
- Engagement in the Major Field
- Departmental Honors requirements if applicable (check with Honors advisor for specifics, if any)





## **Graduation: Honors Scholar & University Honors Laureate**

## **Requirements**

- ALL HONORS SCHOLAR REQUIREMENTS (15 Honors Credit)
- An additional 15 Honors Credits for 30 total Honors Credits.
  - 9 at 1000+ level, 6 at 2000+ level
- Distribution requirements: at least one course in each area (a course can count for multiple distribution areas):
  - Arts & Humanities
  - Social Sciences
  - STEM
  - Diversity & Multiculturalism
  - Honors Core
- UHL Co-curricular Requirements

## **Recognition and Celebration**

- Honors Medals Ceremony
- Commencement
- Degree & transcript notations





## **Graduation: University Honors Laureate**

## **University Honors Laureate Co-curricular Requirements**

- Events
- Leadership Experience
- Academics in Action





## **UHL: Events**

- Attend and reflect upon at least 10 approved Honors events
- At least 1 event in each category:
  - Career, Professional, and Personal Development
  - Honors Community Development
  - Academic & Interdisciplinary Engagement
  - Multiculturalism & Global Citizenship
  - Social Change, Service, & Sustainability



## **UHL: Academics in Action**

- Complete and reflect upon an academic enrichment experience that is:
  - Academic in nature
  - Representative of creativity or innovation
  - Shared with an authentic audience
- In addition to or beyond the Honors thesis
- Not limited to student's major
- May be an extension of thesis, such as presentation at research event



## **UHL:** Leadership

- Complete leadership experience to:
  - 1. Pursue positive change within your communities at UConn and beyond
  - 2. Reflect on how you have developed and applied your leadership skills
  - 3. Set goals for continued personal growth as a leader

- Official leadership position not required
- Coaching from Honors Guides for Peer Success



# The Honors Experience: Advising, Tools, & Support



## **Advising & Support Team**

## **Faculty & Professional Staff:**

**Honors Advisors** 

**Honors Staff** 

**Enrichment Program Staff** 

Thesis Supervisors

#### **Honors Peers:**

Honors GPS Team Honors Student Organizations

## **Communications:**

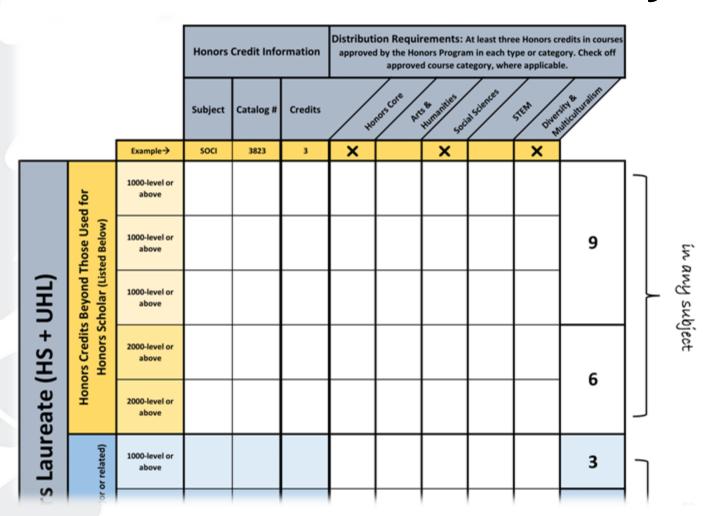
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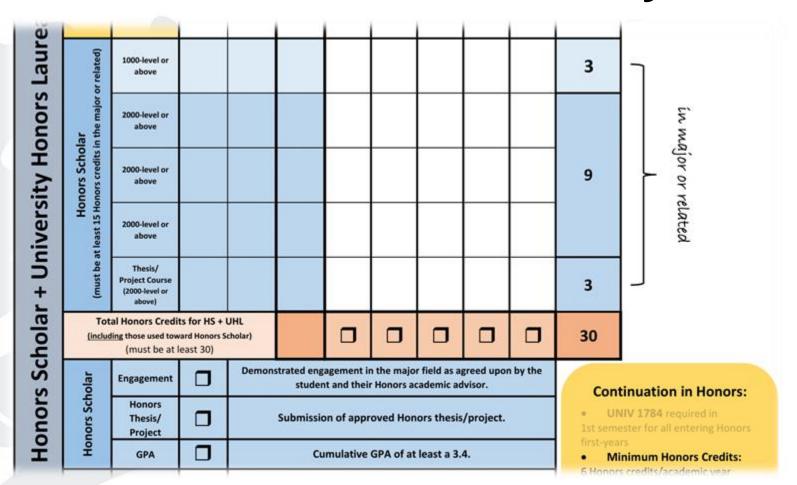


## **HS & UHL Plan of Study**

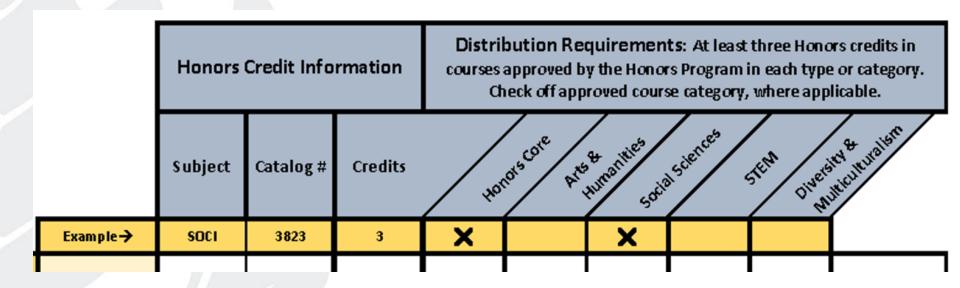




## **HS & UHL Plan of Study**







- 3 Honors credits in each category
- Across all 30 credits
- No limit on double-dipping (or triple-dipping!)



## **HS & UHL Plan of Study**

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		Ι			Completion of Academics in Action requirement.				

#### **Continuation in Honors:**

- UNIV 1784 required in 1st semester for all entering Honors first-years
- Minimum Honors Credits:
   6 Honors credits/academic year
- Minimum GPA:
- 3.40 for Honors Good Standing
- 3.00 by end of 1st yea
- o 3.15 by end of 2nd year
- o 3.30 by end of 3rd year



## **Honors Scholar Plan of Study**

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	Additional Requirements	Honors Thesis/ Project	Submission of approved Honors thesis/project. (Submitted in hardcopy to the Honors Program office with a signed Honors thesis approval form.)							
	Re	GPA	Cumulative GPA of at least a 3.400.							



## **Honors GPS Team**

## Honors GPS: Guides for Peer Success

- Assist understanding of Honors co-curricular requirements (UHL)
- Help plan your events, leadership, and enrichment goals
- Coach leadership experience
- Facilitate workshops





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Courses





# The Honors Experience: Engaging in the Honors Community



## **Honors Community**

## **Explore, Create, Lead**

- Learn and network with likeminded peers
- Connect to Honors Events
- Opportunities for leadership
  - Peer mentoring
  - UHL Leadership Experience: still open to students pursuing Honors Scholar
  - Honors Organizations





Honors Meet & Greet at Stamford 2021



## **Honors Community**

## **Housing**

- Honors Housing options with Honors RAs
- You receive pick times for Honors and general housing
- Find your network of outstanding peers





## Honors Community Want to get involved?

- Honors Across State Borders (HASB)
- Honors Council (HC)
- Honors in Business Association (HiBA)
- Honors Ambassadors
- Honors in STEM



## **Honors Community**

- Honors for Diversity (H4D)
- Humanities and Arts Collective (HArCo)
- Honors Student Leadership Board Stamford (HSLB Stamford)
- Peer Allies Through Honors (PATH)

https://honors.uconn.edu/student-organizations/



## **Honors Community**

## What's happening?

- How do you find out about Honors Events?
  - Updates in Honors
  - University Events Calendar
  - Honors Calendar
  - Flyers
  - @uconnhonorsprogram

## **Honors Student Organizations**

- Get involved
- Gain leadership skills
- Make a difference through Community
   Service
- Connect with peers across and within disciplines



**Honors Olympics** 



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## **Audience Q&A**

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## **Contact Us**

**Honors Program** 

Email: honors@uconn.edu

Email: honorsevents@uconn.edu

**Honors Guides for Peer Success** 

Email: honorsgps@uconn.edu

Honors Staff Advisor & GPS Appoint

http://nexus.uconn.edu/

Web: <a href="http://honors.uconn.edu/">http://honors.uconn.edu/</a>

Forms, Requirements, Activities, Opportunities, and more!



