

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

• Consumer of Knowledge

• Producer of Knowledge

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



Explore



Exploring Community at Honors Live!



EXPLORE

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

Create

CUTTING-EDGE RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIP

Varies by discipline

Support throughout college career

Collaboration with peers & faculty

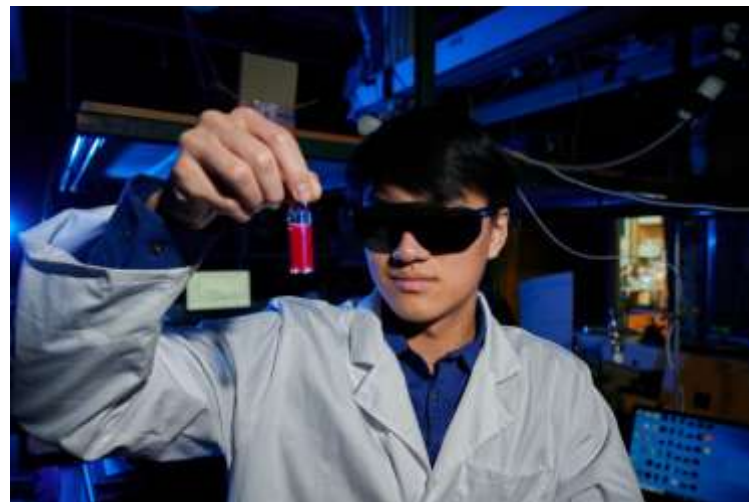
THESIS & CREATIVE PROJECTS

Required capstone Honors thesis/project

Independent/group work in area of interest

Supervision by leading faculty

Funding to support work



Neo Lin '25 (CLAS), Goldwater Scholar,
SURF Recipient, IDEA Grant



Lead



Honors Across State Borders

Student organization trip during Spring Break



LEAD

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 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/Common Curriculum
- 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 cont'd

How is Honors noted on your transcript?

Transcript Notes

- B- or higher to be eligible for Honors credit
- [“Honors credit” notations](#) 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 GPA Notice or Removal if GPA less than 3.400
- ✓ GPA/credit reviews done each summer.
- ✓ Students contacted via UConn email.
- ✓ Appeal processes for students eligible for removal.



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)



Recognition and Celebration

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**
- [Honors Medals Ceremony](#)
- Commencement
- Degree & transcript notations



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University Honors Laureate (UHL): Co-Curricular Opportunities

- **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*



Submit your reflection via HuskyCT for this event:

#UHLevent11511

QR Code for Honors Events Page:

<https://honors.uconn.edu/events/>

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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:

UConn Email

[“UPDATES IN HONORS”](#)

Facebook/Instagram



Honors GPS Team 2024-2025

Honors Scholar Plan of Study

		Honors Credit Information (must be at least 15 Honors credits in the major or related)					
		Subject	Catalog #	Term	Year	Credits	
	Example →	SOCI	3823	Fall	2018	3	
Honors Scholar (must be at least 15 Honors credits in the major or related)	may be 1000-level or above						3
	2000-level or above						9
	2000-level or above						
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	2000-level or above						
	2000-level or above (extra space if needed)						
	Thesis/ Project Course (2000-level or above)						3
Total Honors Credits (must be at least 15)							15
Additional Requirements	Engagement in the Major Field	Demonstrated engagement in the major field as agreed upon by the student and their Honors academic advisor.					
	Honors Thesis/ Project	Submission of approved Honors thesis/project. (Submitted in hardcopy to the Honors Program office with a signed Honors thesis approval form.)					
	GPA	Cumulative GPA of at least a 3.400.					

in major or related

Honors & UHL Plan of Study 1/4

		Honors Credit Information			Distribution Requirements: At least three Honors credits in courses approved by the Honors Program in each type or category. Check off approved course category, where applicable.					
		Subject	Catalog #	Credits	Honors Core	Arts & Humanities	Social Sciences	STEM	Diversity & Multiculturalism	
Example→		SOCI	3823	3	X		X		X	
Honors Credits Beyond Those Used for Honors Scholar (Listed Below)	1000-level or above									9
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	1000-level or above									
	2000-level or above									
	2000-level or above									
Major	1000-level or above									3

} in any subject

[Full Worksheet Link](#)

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Honors & UHL Plan of Study 2/4

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		2000-level or above									
		Thesis/Project Course (2000-level or above)									3
	Total Honors Credits for HS + UHL (including those used toward Honors Scholar) (must be at least 30)										

in any subject

in major or related

Honors & UHL Plan of Study 3/4

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

Honors & UHL Plan of Study 4/4

Honors	Honors Scholar	Engagement	☐	Consultation with student and their Honors academic advisor.
		Honors Thesis/Project	☐	Submission of approved Honors thesis/project.
		GPA	☐	Cumulative GPA of at least a 3.4.
	HS + UHL	Co-Curricular Requirements	☐	Completion of <i>Events</i> requirement.
			☐	Completion of <i>Leadership</i> requirement.
			☐	Completion of <i>Academics in Action</i> 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 year
 - 3.15 by end of 2nd year
 - 3.30 by end of 3rd year

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



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The Honors Experience: Engaging in the Honors Community

Honors Community 1/5

Explore, Create, Lead

- Learn and network with like-minded 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 2/5

Housing

- Honors Housing options with Honors RAs
- Important to follow the processes/procedures laid out by Residential Life & Honors
- Find your network of outstanding peers



Honors Community 3/5

Want to get involved?

✓ Honors Across State Borders (HASB)

✓ Honors Ambassadors

✓ Honors Council (HC)

✓ Honors for Diversity (H4D)

✓ Honors in Business Association (HiBA)

Honors Community 4/5

- ✓ Honors in STEM
- ✓ Humanities and Arts Collective (HArCo)
- ✓ Honors Student Leadership Board – Stamford (HSLB – Stamford)
- ✓ Peer Allies Through Honors (PATH)

Honors Student Leadership Board – Hartford (HSLB-Hartford)

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

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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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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

How to Reach Us

Honors Program

Email: honors@uconn.edu

Email: honorsevents@uconn.edu

Honors Guides for Peer Success

Email: honorspgs@uconn.edu



Find Honors Staff Advisors and GPS members at

<https://honors.uconn.edu/honors-advising/>

Review the Honors Website at <http://honors.uconn.edu/> for Forms, Requirements, Activities, Opportunities, and more!

Contact us through our website, <https://honors.uconn.edu/contact/>

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