

UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM

Requirements

Honors Entering Student Pathway

Honors Continuing/Transfer Student Pathway

University Honors Core Curricula

The Honors program of study provides exceptional academic studies that include breadth and perspectives, in-depth studies, a senior year creative activity, and Honors elective courses. Two curricular pathways

provide enriched educational experiences for high ability students in all majors. The Entering Student Pathway curriculum fulfills nearly half of the All-University Core Curriculum (AUCC) requirements, allowing Honors students to graduate on schedule and without additional cost. The Continuing/Transfer Student Pathway curriculum satisfies Honors requirements by taking Honors courses in their majors and departments. Students who complete either curriculum and graduate with a cumulative 3.5 GPA or greater receive "University Honors Scholar" designation on their diploma and transcripts.

The Honors courses enroll between 18 and 22 students and are taught by some of the University's finest teachers.

Honors Entering Student Pathway Effective Fall 2025

Freshman

		AUCC	Credits
HONR 192	Honors First Year Seminar		3
HONR 193	Honors Seminar	1A	3
Total Credits			6

Sophomore

Select one course from the following:			3
HONR 292A	Honors Seminar: Knowing in the Sciences	3A	
HONR 292B	Honors Seminar: Knowing in Arts and Humanities (GT-AH2)	3B	
HONR 292C	Honors Seminar: Knowing Across Cultures (GT-SS3)	1C	
Honors course ¹			3
Total Credits			6

Junior

HONR 392	Honors Seminar	3B	3
HONR 399	Pre-thesis		1
Honors course ¹			3
Total Credits			7

Senior

HONR 492	Honors Senior Seminar	3C	3
HONR 499	Senior Honors Thesis		3
Total Credits			6
Program Total Credits:			25

¹ A total of six Honors credits relevant to the student's academic goals or interests, approved by the Honors program or Honors advisor. At least three credits must be upper-division.

Students completing the Honors Core Curriculum will fulfill the All-University Core Curriculum (AUCC) core competency requirements in the following categories: 1A; 1C; three credits of the six required for 3B – Arts and Humanities; 3C – Social and Behavioral Sciences; 3D – Historical Perspectives. Students completing some, but not all, of the program

will fulfill some of the AUCC core competencies. Complete details are available from the Honors Program office.

Honors Continuing/Transfer Student Pathway Effective Fall 2025

The Continuing/Transfer Student Pathway is available only to students with >15 college credits taken after admission to CSU or to students who have completed HONR 192 and wish to switch to this pathway (Honors Advisor approval is needed for students seeking to switch).

Junior

		AUCC	Credits
Select one course from the following:			3
HONR 292A	Honors Seminar: Knowing in the Sciences	3A	
HONR 292B	Honors Seminar: Knowing in Arts and Humanities (GT-AH2)	3B	
HONR 292C	Honors Seminar: Knowing Across Cultures (GT-SS3)	1C	
HONR 399	Pre-thesis		1
Honors courses ²			9
Total Credits			13

Senior

HONR 499	Senior Honors Thesis		3
Honors courses ²			9
Total Credits			12
Program Total Credits:			25

Students may take an Honors course in the major and/or enroll in elective Honors courses in their first year on campus.

² A total of 18 credits of Honors courses relevant to the student's academic goals or interests, approved by the Honors program or Honors advisor. At least 15 credits must be upper division. Students who switch paths may count HONR 192, HONR 110, and/or HONR 193 toward the 18 required credits. Students may count HONR 392 and/or HONR 492 toward this requirement.