

Students who complete the requirements of the University Honors College receive OSU's most prestigious academic recognition: an Honors Baccalaureate Degree (HBA, HBFA or HBS) in their major, jointly awarded by the University Honors College and their major.

The University Honors College is all about enrichment: How high can you dream? The UHC provides challenging curricula, personal attention, and enhanced learning experiences in general education and in the student's primary academic interest. The University Honors College offers courses consisting of small groups taught by OSU's finest faculty, specifically selected for their undergraduate teaching abilities. Through seminars, colloquia, and their own thesis research, students enjoy the benefits of a small college within a large, diverse, and comprehensive university.

Both a four-year and a two-year track are available. The two-year track is designed for transfer students or for students already enrolled at OSU. Interested students should contact the University Honors College office for information.

ADMISSION

Admission is competitive and selective—only a small percentage of all entering students join the University Honors College and space is limited. UHC students are exceptionally able, highly motivated, and intellectually curious. They have a highly developed social consciousness and a sense of responsibility. Admission decisions are based on grade-point averages, SAT or ACT scores, and essay questions that reveal the student's background, interests, and academic motivations, as well as abilities that may not be obvious from other measures. Generally speaking, high school applicants must have a 3.75 GPA or a score of 1200 SAT (ACT=27) to be considered (the same qualifications students need for a high-end scholarship).

Entering first-year students interested in beginning the UHC fall term should submit an application by either November 1 or February 1. Applicants must also have completed an application for admission to OSU by that time. Admission decisions are made approximately 45 days after submission. Responses to current year UHC essay questions required.

Transfer or advanced-standing applicants follow identical deadlines and timelines.

Undergraduate Degrees

Honors Bachelor of Arts (HBA)
Honors Bachelor of Fine Arts (HBFA)
Honors Bachelor of Science (HBS)

MAJORS AND DEGREES

Students enrolled in the University Honors College can pursue any one of OSU's wide range of undergraduate majors. Students who complete the requirements of the University Honors College receive OSU's most prestigious undergraduate academic recognition: an honors baccalaureate degree in their major, jointly awarded by the Honors College and the college in which their major is located.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Because the honors degree is the primary, jointly awarded degree, there may be few, if any, additional credit requirements beyond the total required by the college of the student's major. UHC students must satisfy all university and major degree requirements, including:

First and Second Years (15 credits)

- Honors writing course (HC 199) (3)
- Honors baccalaureate core courses (12)

Third and Fourth Years (15 credits)

(At least 12 must be upper division.)

- Honors colloquia (4)
- Honors electives (6–9)
- Introduction to thesis or project (1)
- Thesis/project (4–6)

A student who completes 30 credits of University Honors College courses will be designated an Honors Scholar. A student who completes the 15-credit track will be designated as an Honors Associate. In either instance successful completion leads to receipt of an honors baccalaureate degree. Transcripts will also reflect Honors College completion and will denote UHC course work.

Many honors classes satisfy dual requirements; please check details with an Honors College advisor. For students in majors that require a senior thesis/project, the University Honors College thesis or project will often satisfy that requirement as well. The honors thesis requirements will complement those of other programs requiring a senior thesis.

RETENTION CRITERIA

All UHC students must maintain a 3.25 cumulative OSU GPA and make timely progress toward fulfilling the requirements of the UHC and their major. All UHC student grades will be reviewed each term. Students below, or at risk of falling below the specified 3.25 cumulative OSU GPA will be notified. Students whose cumulative GPA remains below the standard will lose UHC status.

All students must maintain contact with Honors advisors through regularly scheduled appointments.

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HONORS COURSES

See the Schedule of Classes each term under University Honors College and under departmental listings for courses with an H suffix. The UHC publishes its own schedule, which is available each term in the UHC office. Honors courses change annually; many are offered under departmental designators.

See the UHC website for additional information, <http://oregonstate.edu/dept/honors/>.

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (BA, HBA)

See International Education for information on the International Studies Degree.

COURSES

HC 199. *HONORS WRITING (3). Through a range of assignments, texts, and guest speakers, Honors College students will develop critical thinking skills and a strategy for writing in their discipline. PREREQ: WR 121 (Bacc Core Course) and Honors College approval required.

HC 299. SELECTED TOPICS (1-16). Selected topics for University Honors College students.

HC 399. SELECTED TOPICS (1-16). Upper-division special topics for University Honors College students.

HC 401. RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP (1-16).

HC 402. INDEPENDENT STUDY (1-16).

HC 403. THESIS (1-16).

HC 404. WRITING AND CONFERENCE (1-16).

HC 405. READING AND CONFERENCE (1-16).

HC 406. PROJECTS (1-16).

HC 407. SEMINAR (1-16).

HC 408. WORKSHOP (1-16).

HC 409. PRACTICUM (1-16).