List of Activities Available for Experiential Learning Honors Credit

The following is a list of activities that can qualify for honors points, with their corresponding points value. The list was developed in consultation with the Honors Council, which has faculty and student representatives. If you are involved in an activity other than those listed below and you want to propose that it qualify for experiential points, you can access the form to do so here. Proposals will be taken to the Honors Council for consideration.

1 honors point each

Academics
- Publish original work in a local research or literary journal
- Present original work at a local or regional conference
- Apply for and receive an OSU Undergraduate Library Research Grant
- Complete an OSU certificate or a minor

Arts
- Participate for a semester in an OSU music ensemble, dance group, or marching band
- Have original art or design work selected to be displayed or performed locally
- Participate in an OSU theatre production (as actor, director, technician, or in another substantial role)

Leadership
- Serve a semester as a tutor or Supplemental Instructor (Writing Center, the MLSC, CEAT, LASSO)

2 honors points each

Academic
- Be a contributing author in a peer-reviewed publication
- Receive a Wentz Undergraduate Research Grant and complete the project
- Receive a Freshman Research Scholars Grant and complete the program
- Become an institutional nominee for a major national scholarship

Arts
- Have original art or design work displayed or performed regionally

3 honors points each

Academic
- Be first or sole author in a peer-reviewed publication
- Present original research at a national academic conference
- Receive a major national award (Truman, Gates, Rhodes, Goldwater, Marshall, Fulbright, Boren, Critical Language Scholarship)

Arts
- Have original art or design work displayed or performed nationally

Leadership
- Serve as a lead tutor or Supplemental Instructor Mentor for a year
Variable Points

The following activities can earn honors experiential learning credit at the rate of 1 point for every 45 documented hours spent on the activity. Students are required to keep a log of time spent on the activity per semester.

Academic
- Regular hours worked in an OSU research lab or research group not connected to a course
- Participation on an OSU competitive academic team (e.g. formula SAE team, or livestock judging team)
- Work in an internship (paid or unpaid)
- Work in a job (paid) that relates directly to academic and professional pursuits (e.g. a pre-vet student working at a vet clinic)

Leadership
- Holding a leadership position in a student organization, council, or club.
- Working as staff or writer for the O’Colly or the Cowboy Journal (CASNR)
- Serving as an OSU Tour Guide or as an ambassador for an OSU program, department, or college

Service
- Perform off-campus community service. Typically, service will be to one organization, but in any case it must make a unified impact in the community. (Service hours required for another OSU commitment--such as a scholarship--may simultaneously count towards honors experiential credit.)

Study Away
- Students who take an OSU study-away short-term course offered with an Honors course designation can get honors credit for their experience by enrolling under that course number.
- Students who take an OSU study-away short-term course not offered with an Honors course designation can still get honors credit for their experience; the preferred method is to contract in the study-away course with the professor. If the professor does not offer contracts for the course, the student can instead apply to the Honors College for experiential credit using the online form and writing a reflective essay (1250-1500) words in addition to any class writing assignments. The successful completion of the experiential credit application will result in three honors points awarded for a short-term three credit hour course.
- Students who participate in the NCHC Partners in the Parks program or a week at the Chautauqua Institution can apply for experiential credit using the online form and writing the reflective essay (1250-1500 words). The successful completion of the experiential credit application will result in 3 honors points for this experience.
- Students who study away for a semester or longer can apply for up to six honors points for experiential credit. For three points, the student must submit one reflective essay (1250-1500 words) on an impactful aspect of their study away experience. For six points, the student must submit two reflective essays (1250-1500 words each) on different aspects of their study away experience.
- Because study away experience can have time schedules that differ from the OSU calendar, required reflective essays will be due no later than 4 weeks after the conclusion of the study away program.
- One study-away course of three honors credit hours, or three honors points earned for a study away experience, can be used to meet the three-hour honors seminar requirement for the General Honors Award.