Requirements for General Honors Award

Fall 2018

HONORS SEMINAR/INTERDISCIPLINARY HONORS COURSES. A minimum of two honors seminars or interdisciplinary honors courses with a minimum of four credit hours in honors seminars or interdisciplinary honors courses, grade of “A” or “B” required.

ADDITIONAL HONORS HOURS AND/OR POINTS. Sufficient additional hours of honors credit and/or honors points, to reach a total of eighteen credit hours/points.

HONORS COURSEWORK. Students should take 3 or more hours of honors coursework in their first active semester in Honors. All honors coursework must be completed with an “A” or “B” to get honors credit. Coursework can be distributed across academic areas as follows:

- 0-6 Hours Humanities including but not limited to courses designated “H”
- 0-6 Hours Social Sciences including but not limited to courses designated “S”
- 0-6 hours STEM including but not limited to courses designated “N” and “A”

HONORS POINTS. Honors points can be accumulated in any of five areas, as defined in the document “Experiential Enrichment Activities.” Students may earn up to six honors points in any single category (academic, arts, leadership, service, study away) towards the General Honors Award. Some enhancement activities might be appropriate under multiple headings (e.g. an unpaid internship might be leadership or service); in these cases, the activity only counts once but the student decides where to categorize it. Points can be distributed as follows:

- 0-6 Academic
- 0-6 Arts
- 0-6 Study Away
- 0-6 Leadership
- 0-6 Service

Eligibility for Continued Enrollment in Honors Courses

GRADE POINT AVERAGES REQUIRED. To be eligible for continued enrollment in honors courses (defined as courses, sections, seminars, etc., with the Honors attribute in BANNER), full time students who entered the program as first time freshmen or were admitted during their first year at OSU must maintain the following minimum graduate/retention grade point averages:

1. First Year Students \(\geq 3.20\) (See note below.)
2. Second Year Students \(\geq 3.30\)
3. Third Year Students \(\geq 3.40\)
4. Fourth year and beyond \(\geq 3.50\)

Note: First Year Students must maintain a GPA of \(\geq 3.20\) in their first semester to continue in the Honors Program.
Transfer students will be assigned to an initial “year” in the program based on their earned hours when entering OSU - 7-59 hours earned: Second Year; 60-93 hours earned: Third Year; 94 or more hours earned: Fourth Year. Part-time students will be assigned an initial year based on their status when admitted to the program (first time freshmen, students admitted during their first year at OSU or transfer students) with year in program increasing by 1 with every 30 credit hours earned above their initial earned hours. Any student taking a Leave of Absence will be considered to be in the same year when they return from leave as they were when they took leave.

**Note:** First year students failing to earn at least 3.20 graduate/retention grade point average during the fall semester shall not be eligible for continued enrollment in honors courses in the subsequent spring semester unless extraordinary circumstances justify approval of continuation in The Honors College by the Dean.