

The Honors Program

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The Honors Program is offered to recognize and challenge the College's most academically talented students. Participation is voluntary for all qualified students other than Wesleyan Scholars, who are required to complete the program.

Requirements for Admission to Honors Program

Entering freshmen: high school cumulative grade point average of 3.5 and 1200 SAT score or 27 ACT score.

Second-semester freshmen, sophomores and juniors: cumulative college grade point average of 3.5 or above and completion of ENGL 102. (Freshmen applying for admission will be evaluated based on the rigor of their first-semester program.)

Any student who has earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 may enroll in Honors classes, subject to meeting any prerequisites, after students in the program have been accommodated. A student must declare his or her intention to complete the Honors Program (by declaration of an Honors minor) no later than the second semester of the sophomore year. To be eligible for participation in the program, including its co-curricular events, a student must maintain the following minimum cumulative grade point average by the end of each academic year: freshman, 3.25; sophomore, 3.4; junior, 3.5. To graduate with an Honors Degree--e.g., Bachelor of Arts (Honors)--a student must complete the requirements below and achieve a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or above.

Requirements for Graduation with an Honors Degree

No more than two courses in a single subject area--e.g., ENGL, SOCI--may satisfy Honors Program requirements.

- 1 Freshman sequence
 - INDS 120, Introduction to the Humanities (Honors) 3 hrs.
 - ENGL 170, Contemporary Literature (Honors) 3 hrs.

For general studies, the requirement of ENGL 101 and 102 is waived upon completion of this sequence, which also satisfies the Introduction to the Humanities and literature requirements.
- 2 Upperclass requirements (to be completed over the sophomore, junior and senior years)
 - Three 3-hr. Honors courses, **OR**
 - Two 3-hr. Honors courses **AND** a semester study abroad, **OR**
 - Two 3-hr. Honors courses **AND** completion of two college-level courses (6 hrs.) in a single foreign language.
3. Two 1-hr. Honors Seminars (INDS 310) to be taken in the sophomore, junior, or senior year.
No more than one Honors Seminar may be taken per year
- 4 A cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or above.
5. A total of 17 hours of honors coursework is required to complete the honors program.
6. Each semester, students will attend at least two events sanctioned by the Director of the Honors Program, in order to remain in good standing in the Honors Program. The Director will monitor this requirement.

A student working toward an Honors Degree may opt to substitute any Honors history course for the general studies history course requirement (History course at the 100 or 200 level with the exception of HIST-201).

All Honors courses are special offerings conducted in seminar format.

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