Fall 2024 Cohort

HONORS REQUIREMENTS

An advising overview of Honors Program requirements for students starting in Fall 2024
Our offices are located in the Honors Suite (DFRV P163) on the first floor of the Dimond Family Residential Village.
COMPLETING UNIVERSITY HONORS

Complete all requirements to earn University Honors

01 Honors Courses

02 Distinction in Major

03 Cumulative 3.5 GPA
HONORS CHECKLIST

You will generally see these requirements shown in checklist format, as seen here.

honors core sequence
- HNRS 1000: Honors Summit Take during your first quarter
- HNRS 2000: Extreme Academics Take during your second year
- HNRS 3000: Into the Unknown Take during your final year

honors writing
- WRIT 1622: Advanced Rhetoric & Writing
- WRIT 1733: Honors Writing

honors seminar
- HNRS 2400

honors common curriculum
- Pick 3 courses from the following options (you may choose 2 from 1 category)
  - Analytical Inquiry: Society & Culture course (AISC) with Honors attribute
  - Scientific Inquiry: Society & Culture course (SISC) with Honors attribute
  - Advanced Seminar (ASEM) course with Honors attribute

honors science (highly recommended, not required)
- Students not majoring/minoring in a STEM field may choose to complete their Common Curriculum. A Natural requirement using the Honors Geography sequence: GEOG 1264/1265/1266

gpa
- 3.5+ cumulative GPA by graduation
  - To remain on-track to meet this requirement, you must hit cumulative GPA benchmarks in your first three years: 2.5, 3.2, 3.4 respectively.

notes & possible exceptions
- WRIT 1622/1733 may be waived if the student brings in transfer credits upon entering the program that the University determines will count for WRIT 1622/1733 respectively.
- If there are irreconcilable scheduling conflicts, students may request to meet this requirement with an Honors Contract for a non-Honors course. This requires approval from the Honors Director. Students are limited to one Honors contract total.
- Departmental requirements for distinction are set out in the individual. Granting distinction is always at the discretion of the departments. Honors has no jurisdiction over what qualifies. Familiarize yourself with your department's requirements early as each has different timelines, requirements, application processes and rules.
- This is required if your produced an original piece of research, scholarship, or creative work as part of your distinction requirements.
HNRS 1000: Honors Summit
- Meets once for four hours
- 0 credits

HNRS 2000: Extreme Academics
- Offered in fall, winter, & spring
- 1 credit

HNRS 3000: Into the Unknown
- Offered in fall, winter, & spring
- 1 credit

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  Take during your second year
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  Take during your final year
HONORS WRITING

WRIT 1622
- Honors equivalent of WRIT 1122
- Take winter of your first year
- Waived if you bring in credit for WRIT 1122

WRIT 1733
- Honors equivalent of WRIT 1133
- Take spring of your first year
- Waived if you bring in credit for WRIT 1133

honors writing

- WRIT 1622: Advanced Rhetoric & Writing
- WRIT 1733: Honors Writing
HONORS COMMON CURRICULUM

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Must be Honors sections; not every section of the same course is Honors
- AP/IB/transfer credit cannot be used to fulfill this requirement
- AI: Society and SI: Society are generally done in your first two years
- ASEM is generally done in your last two years

Three courses with the Honors attribute from the following options: 

- Analytical Inquiry: Society & Culture (AISC)
- Scientific Inquiry: Society & Culture (SISC)
- Honors Advanced Seminar (ASEM)

One from each category is recommended, but any combination will suffice.
HONORS SEMINARS

Each 2 credits and topics vary broadly. If you see one that interests you, has space, and fits in your schedule--grab it! If not, it’s fine to wait. These can be taken at any point during your time at DU.

Example topics:
- Poetry as Activism
- Native Plants in Urban & Suburban Ecosystems
- Cervantes & the Canon
- Human Population: Sustainability & Social Justice
- Migration & Diaspora Narratives
- Chance Encounters: Statistics in Everyday Life
GPA & DISTINCTION

GPA
Must meet benchmarks to stay on track to earn a 3.5 cumulative GPA by graduation.

DISTINCTION
Must earn Distinction in one of your majors, which usually involves a capstone project, like a thesis, portfolio, recital, etc.

GPA
- 3.5+ cumulative GPA by graduation

   To remain on-track to meet this requirement, you must hit cumulative GPA benchmarks in your first three years: 2.5, 3.2, 3.4 respectively.

DISTINCTION
- Earn Distinction in one major, per departmental standards
- Present work at Showcase & submit to digital archives, if applicable
OPTIONAL HONORS COURSE

**more info**

- Not your HS geography!
- Taught by a different professor each quarter
- Focus on sustainability, weather, soil science, etc.
- STEM majors/minors should not take this, unless doing environmental science

**honors science**

*highly recommended, not required*

Students not majoring/minoring in a STEM field may choose to complete their Common Curriculum SI: Natural requirement using the Honors Geography sequence: GEOG 1264/1265/1266
Annual spreadsheet of Honors courses. Each term has its own tab. Information is updated as needed. Best way to view all Honors courses happening in a given term.

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<tr>
<th>Attribute</th>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Course #</th>
<th>Course Name</th>
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<td>ITAL 2201</td>
<td>Italy: Modern History &amp; Culture</td>
<td>5103</td>
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<td>SISC</td>
<td>TBD</td>
<td>INTS 1700</td>
<td>Introduction to International Politics</td>
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Here’s how to double check!

### Spreadsheet?
Does the CRN (4-digit number unique to a specific section of a specific course) match the Honors spreadsheet?

### Attribute?
In the course details, classes are tagged with “attributes.” Check for the “Honors” tag.

### Degree Audit?
If you’ve registered, does the course appear in the Honors block of your degree audit?

### IS IT AN HONORS SECTION?

### QUICK TIP:
Other than WRIT classes, only **one** section of a given class will be Honors.
When searching for classes in the registration system, do **not** use multiple filters at once—you’ll get classes that meet **any** of the criteria selected, not all.

Try to get your AI: Society or SI: Society done early, or save those requirements for when you have space in your schedule to take them as Honors.

Stay in touch with Honors! Read your emailed newsletter, reference our courses spreadsheet, and talk to us if you have questions or a complicated situation.
GET IN TOUCH

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