WHAT IS UNIVERSITY HONORS?

You may have heard of “honors in English” or “honors in Math” but what is University Honors? How is it different from honors in the major?

UNIVERSITY HONORS is a 12+12 honors curriculum in which a student completes 12 semester hours of honors coursework and earns 12 honors credits for experiential learning from a menu of options. The University of Iowa recognizes University Honors on transcripts and diplomas for graduates who successfully complete the University Honors curriculum.

HONORS IN THE MAJOR is defined by each department or major and usually culminates in a thesis or capstone project. Honors students can fulfill the experiential learning component of the University Honors curriculum by completing their department’s requirements for graduating with honors in the major. Students can also seek honors in the major without being part of University Honors. Required coursework or research for honors in the major usually begins junior year.

UNIVERSITY HONORS CURRICULUM

12+12 HONORS CREDITS, HONORS COURSEWORK + EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING:

HONORS COURSEWORK | 12 SEMESTER HOURS (S.H.) OF HONORS COURSEWORK

• Students take part in Primetime—an Honors exclusive week of workshops, activities, and more!
• Honors first-year students are required to enroll in an honors first-year seminar (students with a different required first-year seminar may substitute another honors class).
• Honors students have four semesters to complete the required 12 s.h. of honors coursework (e.g. one 3-s.h. honors course per semester). One honors contract course (or two with permission) may count as part of this required 12.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING | 12 HONORS EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING CREDITS FROM A MENU OF OPTIONS

• Honors in the Major (usually culminates in a thesis or project) = 12 honors credits
• Mentored Research = variable, up to 12*
• Study Abroad with honors reflection process = variable, depending on length. (Additional credits possible with optional integrated honors project.)
• Internship with honors reflection process = variable, depending on length*

HONORS ADVISING & SUPPORT

• Orientation Day 10:45 AM – Honors ambassadors meet with students in small groups to recommend courses
• Orientation Day 3 PM – Honors professional staff and ambassadors assist with honors course selection in Tippie Direct Admit and Engineering small groups “Exploring the Curriculum”
• Orientation Day 2 – In the afternoon, Honors professional staff and ambassadors are available on the landing outside the Second Floor Ballroom during the Information Fair to assist with further questions.
• Required Advising – All honors students meet with an Honors Peer Mentor once per academic year until they have completed the Honors Coursework component of the University Honors Curriculum
• Honorable Messenger – weekly email message advertising events, office hours, scholarship and research opportunities
ONLINE

HONORS.UIOWA.EDU
Your primary resource for info on membership, coursework, experiential learning, scholarships, and more.

FACEBOOK.COM/HONORSATIOWA
Find your Honors news here: features, deadlines, opportunities, and everything you need to know.

@HONORSATIOWA
Want your Honors news quickly and in less than 280 characters? Follow us on Twitter!

INSTAGRAM.COM/UIOWAHONORS
Check out everything Honors here for updates on Honors students and events and see what our mascot, Tiberius will do next!

HONORSATIOWA.WORDPRESS.COM
An archive of self-discovery, our blog, Note to Self, features stories from the Honors at Iowa community.

IN PERSON

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