

University Honors & Scholars Center Guidelines for the Proposal of Semester-based Honors Programs

Approval Process: Unit > College > University Honors & Scholars Center (Honors Faculty Advisory Committee) > Approval > Council on Academic Affairs

Introduction: In accordance with the mission of the university Honors program of developing and supporting the intellectual and personal development of high ability undergraduate students, the following expectations should be dealt with in some fashion in your responses below. Honors programs should:

- promote significant interaction between faculty and students;
- develop the creative abilities of Honors students;
- require high standards of academic achievement;
- include Honors courses that require enhanced breadth and depth of material;
- expose students to use of methodology and research techniques
- promote intellectual exchange among students;
- promote interdisciplinary work and study

Please address the following:

The goal of the Honors Program at The Ohio State University at Lima is to enrich the intellectual development and academic experience of qualified students by providing greater academic challenges and opportunities than are common to regular courses at the university.

Honors coursework is designed for those students with a strong desire for learning and the motivational and intellectual ability to pursue special academic projects to fulfillment.

The Honors Program offers Ohio State Lima students greater opportunity to interact with the University's Faculty and with other highly motivated students.

B. Students to be served (number to be advised, enrollment process, eligibility for continuance, reinstatement process (if applicable), communication with students, etc.)

Enrollment services at The Ohio State University at Lima identifies incoming students as potential honors students based on standardized test scores and rank in graduating class. These students receive letters of invitation to special honors recruiting events. They meet with advisors and are informed of honors opportunities on our campus and at Ohio State in general.

The honors director also meets with these students along with a number of existing honors students to help explain the benefits of honors education and to answer any questions or concerns these prospective students might have.

C. Specific structure of Honors Program requirements - Note: The proposed college standards must be equal to or greater than the university standards listed below. If the college wishes to propose a substitution for a standard, a description and explanation of how this would fulfill the goals of the Honors requirement will be necessary.

1. GPA requirement to maintain Honors status:

University standard: 3.4 at the end of every year (if desired, 3.3 end of first year only)

Proposed college standard: Same as University. _____

2. Requirements to enter Honors program after matriculation or transfer to the university:

University standards: 3.4 GPA
Minimum 1 semesters of credit earned (15 credits) at Ohio State

Proposed college standard: Same as University. _____

3. Course requirements to maintain Honors status:

University standard: 6 Honors, upper division (3000+), or graduate-level courses over the first 2 years (maximum of 2 Honors embedded courses)

Proposed college standard: Same as university _____

Note: If requesting an exception for your college program or for specific major(s) within your college, please describe the proposed equivalent Honors experience and provide a rationale.

4. Program requirement to maintain Honors status/graduate in the Honors Program:

University standard: Progress towards completion of an approved Honors program, i.e., Honors thesis for graduation with distinction, or program to graduate with Honors in the discipline

Proposed college standard: _Same as University. Honors programs are departmental so our students meet with their departments in Columbus to finalize final honors graduation requirements.

Please provide details and any supporting documents or forms (e.g., checklists, contracts, etc.) to describe your proposed program.

D. Honors Courses (if applicable - new, modified)

Our honors courses are drawn from approved honors courses in Columbus plus approved Honors Embedded courses.

E. Staffing of program (Honors committee, Honors advisors, faculty mentors, etc.)

We have an honors committee of five tenure-line or tenured faculty and an Honors Director that oversees the honors program. Honors courses are taught by tenure line or tenured faculty. If university advisors have questions they refer those to the honors Director.

F. Letter of support from unit head (dean, chair, director, etc.)

I have forwarded a request to the Lima Campus Dean to complete this section.

This completed form and supporting materials should be sent electronically to Anne Krabacher (krabacher.4@osu.edu), Associate Director, University Honors and Scholars Center, for approval, and then forwarded to the Office of Academic Affairs for review by CAA. Questions? Contact Anne Krabacher at 292-3135.

College Requirements to Maintain Honors Status Semester Version

Program Name: Ohio State University – Lima Campus

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GPA Requirement: 3.4 overall; 3.3 overall at the end of the first year only

Course Requirements:

6 Honors, upper division (3000+), or graduate-level courses over the first 2 years (maximum of 2 Honors embedded courses)

Graduation Program Requirement:

Progress towards completion of an approved Honors program, i.e., Honors thesis for graduation with distinction, or program to graduate with Honors in the discipline

Requirements to Enter Honors after Enrollment at OSU or Transfer to OSU:

3.4 GPA overall after completion of 15 credits (1 semester) at OSU

Special instructions for Students transitioning from quarters:

Please meet with Honors Directors to ensure that requirements are being met