

HONORS COLLEGE

POLICY ON HONORS CREDIT FOR NON-HONORS COURSES AND OTHER ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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Although the Honors classroom is the heart of the Honors College, the philosophy of the Honors College is to encourage Honors students to pursue opportunities beyond the classroom that are likely to enrich their intellectual and academic life.

In recognition of the importance of such experiences for a broad-based education, the Honors College is willing to award a student up to six hours of credit toward their Honors Scholar or Distinguished Honors Scholar Award for participation in such programs and opportunities. As the Honors Scholar award requires 24 total Honors credits, up to 25 percent of the credits needed for the award (six credits) may be earned by participating in such enrichment programming.

Honors credit is awarded only for actual hours earned, so a program that does not carry academic credit will be not be eligible for Honors credit. In certain special circumstances, you may be able to enroll in an HNRS special problems course, but only if no academic credit is offered by the program in which you are participating.

Experiences and programs covered by this policy include all of the following:

- Internships appropriate to the student’s major;
- NSF Research Experiences for Undergraduates;
- Other research programs offered at colleges and universities or through federal and state governmental agencies such as National Institutes of Health or NASA;
- Research conducted at UNT or another university under the supervision of a faculty mentor; and
- An exchange through National Student Exchange.

To receive Honors credit, the student must:

- Obtain advance approval from the Honors College to pursue a program for Honors credit; the first step in the process is for the student to complete the attached form ; and
- Prepare and submit a portfolio of the experience to the Honors College within six weeks of returning from the program or activity.

The Honors College academic counselor and dean will review portfolios and approve Honors credit as appropriate. Honors credit may be denied if the academic counselor and dean determine that the experience, as evidenced by the materials in the portfolio or other information, did not provide intellectual and academic experiences worthy of Honors credit.

Form to Request Honors Credit for Enrichment Experience

Student Name _____

ID # _____ E-mail Address _____

1. Name of Program to which you have been accepted:

2. Location of Program:

3. Name of Faculty Mentor or Contact:

4. Dates during which you will be participating:

5. How will this program/activity be posted on your transcript?

- Please attach to this form a copy of your acceptance letter and any other relevant correspondence.
- Please submit your form to the Honors College prior to starting the project. Retroactive Honors credit will not be available.

_____ Date form received in Honors College
_____ Advance approval granted / not granted (Sign & Date)
_____ Date portfolio received in Honors College
_____ Portfolio approved/disapproved for Honors credit (Sign & Date)
_____ Date student notified