UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM

The University Honors Program (UHP) provides curricular offerings, programming and benefits to undergraduates who achieve and maintain superior academic records. Students earn the designation "University Honors student" in one of two ways. Entering first-year students with outstanding academic credentials are accepted into the Honors Program upon admission to the University. Students may also enter the Honors Program after their first year with a minimum 3.5 grade-point average. All University Honors students are expected to maintain at least a 3.5 GPA.

Membership in the University Honors Program requires continued progress towards one of the Honors Program-designated diplomas. Honors students complete the requirements for an Honors diploma in one of two ways: by earning 15 Honors credits and completing a six-credit Honors thesis project or by earning 21 Honors credits without a thesis. To receive the Honors with Distinction diploma, Honors students earn 21 Honors credits and also complete the six-credit Honors thesis project for a total of 27 Honors credits. Complete details on maintaining membership and benefits are spelled out on the UHP website (https://www.udayton.edu/honors). Students who meet the University Honors Program graduation requirements will earn an Honors Program-designated diploma.

Students are offered a selection of Honors courses each term. In most instances, first-year University Honors students will enroll in either an exclusive first-year Honors seminar (ENG 200H) or first-year Core courses. Both of these options include designated honors housing. In line with the Common Academic Program (CAP), Honors students are encouraged to complete no more than 6 Honors credits in 100-level courses and 6 Honors credits in 200-level courses. A limited number of upper class Honors courses that complete either CAP or major course of study requirements are also available each semester. Students who have completed more than 75 hours may also earn Honors credits by arranging contract Honors courses with individual professors, provided that the contract is agreed upon and approved by the department Chairperson prior to the start of class. Complete directions are on the UHP website (https://www.udayton.edu/honors) and students should initiate the process with the UHP. All honors courses will be designated as such on the student’s academic transcript.

Student may also earn Honors credits through coursework associated with the Chaminade Scholars Program, Dayton Civic Scholars Program, River Stewards Program, Core Program, study abroad programs and by completing graduate level courses for undergraduate credit. The Honors credits earned are not necessarily one for one and these Honors credits may not appear in the "Honors" section of the student transcript. Honors students must earn a grade of B or better for any Honors courses or other Honors credit-eligible coursework to earn Honors credits towards the Honors diploma requirements.

Honors credits may also be earned via approved non-academic credit experiences such as internships and co-ops, through successful completion of the Berry Summer Thesis Institute, the D.C. Flyers Program, one of the Global Flyers programs, and/or by completing the application process for a national fellowship through the Office of Fellowship Advising led by the UHP Associate Director. Specific ways of earning Honors credits can be found on the Honors Program website (https://www.udayton.edu/honors).

Numerous benefits are available to members of the University Honors Program. The University Honors Program sponsors speakers, cultural events, the Honors Art Exhibition and the Honors Students Symposium each year. First-year Honors students can participate in the Honors Student Welcome