Honors College - College of Science

Honors Points

Honors students will be required to earn 24 Honors points, plus a Capstone Project to receive an Honors Degree. Points are earned by taking Honors courses. Students earn course points by enrolling in Honors-designated classes or contracting existing courses. Course points are determined by credit hours, one point for each course hour. Course points will only be awarded for grades of A or B; however, Honors eligibility cannot be based on grade alone. Courses must include an Honors component.

Course Points Required: 24

Eligible Courses:
- Earn at least 12 Points from courses in specific academic major: BIOL, CHEM, GEOL, MATH, PHYS or PSYC.
- Earn up to 12 Points from the following:
  - Honors-designated courses
  - Any contracted Honors courses
  - Cross-listed courses
  - Graduate courses (6 hour limit)
  - Honors Study Abroad (6 hour limit)
  - Independent study courses (6 hour limit)

Capstone Project

In addition to earning the required number of Honors Points, students will complete a Capstone Project to receive an Honors Degree. Although not all students will be required to write a thesis, all students will be required to produce a deliverable. Students must submit an Honors College proposal and their final project to the Honors College for approval by the published deadline. Students will present their Capstone Project at an Honors Symposium in either an oral or poster presentation.

There are two options for the Capstone Project in the College of Science:

Research
- Traditional Honors thesis; research conducted under the mentorship of a faculty mentor

International
- Project developed through study abroad

Students majoring in Biology, Chemistry, Biochemistry, Physics and Psychology must use the thesis requirement. Students majoring in Geology and Math may use the study abroad requirement with department approval.