

Honors College - College of Liberal Arts

Honors students are required to earn 18 Honors points, plus complete a Capstone Project to receive an Honors Degree.

Honors Points – Points are earned through a combination of Courses and Experiences

Course Points Required: 15 (5 classes)

Students earn course points by enrolling in Honors-designated or cross-listed classes or *contracting existing courses*. Less common ways to earn Honors course points are through Honors transfer hours from other universities, graduate courses, and independent study courses. Students should talk these options over with their Honors advisor.

Students earn 3 course points per class. Points will only be awarded for grades of A or B. Honors eligibility cannot be based on grade alone; courses must include an Honors component.

Eligible Courses (course points cannot be earned for the Capstone Project):

- **Core** – Earn at least 12 Points (4 classes) from courses in their academic major at the 2000, 3000, or 4000 level. **See additional information on back.*
- **Other** – Earn up to 3 Points (1 class) from any course, in or out of the academic major.

Experiences Points Required: 3 (2 to 6 experiences)

Students may participate in co-curricular experiences to earn Honors Points. Experiences are assigned a point value based on duration and/or rigor. Most unique experiences may be used only one time. Points for Honors College involvement (HCC officer, Advocate, Programming Board, *Veneratio* Newsletter staff) are available to all students, regardless of major. Students must submit their proposed experience points through a verification form.

Honors Experiences

- (0.5) Honors College Council officer
- (0.5) Honors Advocate
- (0.5) Honors Programming Board
- (0.5) *Veneratio* Newsletter staff
- (0.5) Additional (3) Honors events, above Registration Rewards requirements
- (1.5) Honors transfer credits from another university/college (3 hours)
- (1.5) Additional designated, cross-listed or contracted Honors course – can use twice

Research Experiences

- (0.5) Undergraduate Research (not for Capstone)
- (0.5) Honors Undergraduate Research Fellowship
- (1.0) McNair Scholars Program
- (0.5) Off-Campus Research Program
- (1.0) Joint Admission Medical Program
- (0.5) On-Campus Research Assistant

Leadership Experiences

- (0.5) Student Organization Officer
- (0.5) Departmental/College Ambassador
- (0.5) Conference Organizer

Instructional Experiences (per semester)

- (0.5) Tutoring through an official UTA department or organization
- (0.5) Peer mentor
- (0.5) PALS
- (0.5) Supplemental Instruction
- (0.5) Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

Professional Experiences

- (0.5-1.0) Internships or Work related to major
- (0.5) Presentation at a conference
- (1.0) Publication in a peer-reviewed journal

Creative Activity Experiences (Fall, Spring or Long Summer semester)

- (0.5) Perform in or create a play, musical, recital, or live performance (UTA-sponsored, not required for student's major)
- (0.5) Juried/Curated exhibitions
- (0.5) Participate in a professional ensemble or arts company/group outside of schoolwork, as approved by the department (this could be Dallas Opera Chorus, a regional symphony performance, community theater, etc.)
- (0.5) Undergraduate Creative Activity with professor sponsorship
- (0.5) Internship in a creative position (not a required internship for degree)

Cultural Experiences

- (0.5-1.0) Study abroad (UTA sponsored)
- (0.5-1.0) Service abroad (UTA sponsored)

MISC

- (0.5) Service Learning Course (non-required or Honors contracted course)
- (0.5) Win a major (external) award in the student's discipline (award eligibility will be determined by the Department)
- (0.5) AP Score of 5 or IB Score of 7

Capstone Project

In addition to earning the required number of Honors Points, students will complete a Capstone Project to receive an Honors Degree. Courses taken for Honors Course points may not be used for the Capstone project. 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.

CoLA Capstone Statement:

Students are required to complete one of the following four options to satisfy the requirements of both the CoLA Honors Project and the Honors Degree. All Capstone Projects will involve original research and will have a written component. Students will be encouraged to present their Capstone Project at the *College of Liberal Arts Annual Liberal Arts Annual Spotlight Student Research Forum* (held annually in the spring).

Research

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

International

- Project developed through study abroad or service learning abroad

Professional

- Project developed through completing an off-campus faculty-mentored internship, co-op, or practicum

Creative

- Creation of original creative work/activity and/or original interpretation

Additional information for the 12 Core Course points (4 classes) for each College of Liberal Arts major:

Anthropology – 12 Points with ANTH prefix

Criminology and Criminal Justice – 12 Points with CRCJ prefix

English – 12 Points with ENGL prefix

History – 12 Points with HIST prefix

Linguistics – 12 Points with LING prefix

Music – 12 Points with MUSI prefix

Philosophy – 12 Points with PHIL prefix

Political Science – 12 Points with POLS prefix

Theatre – 12 Points with THEA prefix

Sociology – 12 Points with SOCI prefix

Modern Language – 12 Points in major language, excluding: 1441/1442 and 2313/2314

Critical Languages and International Studies – 12 Points from major language or IS Options, excluding 1441/1442 and 2313/2314

Communication Majors – at least 9 Points from the specific major concentration (ADVT, BCMN, CTEC, JOUR, COMS, PCOM, PREL) and up to 3 Points from any course in the Communication field