

Honors College – School of Social Work

Bachelor of Science in Social Work or Substance Use & Treatment

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 from any SUT or SOCW course **except** SUT/SOCW 1231 and SUT/SOCW 3300. The field placement courses are available for 3 Honors Course Points if they are not being used for Experience Points. *For students majoring in Substance Use & Treatment, at least 6 of the 12 core points should come from SUT courses.* Exceptions allowed on a case-by-case basis. **See additional information on back.*
- **Other** - Earn up to 3 Points from any course, in or out of the academic major.

Experience 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) 3hrs of Honors transfer credits from another university/college
- (1.5) Additional designated, cross-listed or contracted Honors course – can use twice

Leadership Experiences

- (0.5) Campus Leadership (Student government officer)
- (0.5) Social Work Student Organization Officer
- (0.5) Departmental/College Ambassador
- (0.5) Undergraduate Student Leadership Program

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

Research Experiences (Fall, Spring or Long Summer semester)

- (0.5) Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program
- (0.5) Undergraduate Research Fellowship (Honors College)
- (1.0) McNair Scholars Program
- (1.0) Joint Admission Medical Program
- (0.5) On-Campus Social Work Research Assistant

Cultural Experiences

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

Professional Experiences (Fall, Spring or Long Summer semester)

- (1.0) Archer Fellows Program
- (0.5-1.0) IPE (Interprofessional Education) activities
- (0.5) Presentation at a professional conference
- (1.0) Field placement course – can use only once

MISC

- (0.5) AP Score of 5 or IB Score of 7
- (0.5) Service-learning course – non-required

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.

SOCW Capstone Statement:

Students may choose one of the following three options to satisfy the requirements of the Honors Degree. All Capstone Project presentations must conform to the Society for Social Work Research criteria.

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

Recap - Honors Degree Requirements:

To graduate with an Honors degree, students must complete the degree requirements for their major, maintain a cumulative 3.2 UTA GPA, be a member of the Honors College in good standing, earn a minimum of 18 Honors Points, and complete and present a Capstone Project.

Additional information for the 12 Core Course points (4 classes) for Social Work and Substance Use and Treatment Majors:

Social Work – 12 Points with SOCW prefix

Substance Use and Treatment – At least 6 Points with SUT prefix and up to 6 Points with SOCW prefix