

Honors College - College Architecture, Planning, and Public Affairs

Honors Points

Honors students are required to earn 18 Honors points, plus complete a Capstone Project to receive an Honors Degree. Points are earned through a combination of Courses and Experiences. Students earn course points by enrolling in Honors-designated classes or contracting existing courses. Course points are determined by credit hours, up to a maximum of 3 points per course. 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. Students can earn a maximum of 6 course points per semester.

CAPPA Course Points Required: 15

Eligible Courses:

- Earn at least 12 Points from courses in their academic major. Eligible courses are ARCH-1341, ARCH-2551, ARCH-3553, ARCH-3554, ARCH-4556, ARCH-4557, INTD-3553, INTD-3555, INTD-4345, INTD-4344 and one additional course at the 2000, 3000, or 4000 level (Honors-designated, contracted, or composite courses).
- Earn up to 3 Points from the following:
 - Honors-designated courses
 - Any contracted Honors courses
 - Composite courses
 - Graduate courses
 - Independent study courses (not for the Capstone)

CAPPA-Designated Eligible Experiences ~ Points Required: 3

Students may participate in co-curricular experiences to earn Honors Points. Experiences are assigned a point value based on duration and/or rigor. Each unique experience may be used only one time and students may receive points for up to two experiences per semester. Experience points for Honors College involvement are available to all students, regardless of major. Students must submit their proposed experience points through a verification form by the deadline for the semester in which they participate in the experience.

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

Research Experiences (Fall, Spring or Long Summer semester)

- (0.5) Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program
- (0.5) Honors Undergraduate Research Fellowship
- (1.0) Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation

Cultural Experiences

- (0.5) Study abroad (UTA sponsored)

Professional Experiences (Fall, Spring or Long Summer semester)

- (0.5-1.0) Internships
- (0.5) Presentation at a conference
- (1.0) Design Build Studio

Instructional Experiences (per semester)

- (0.5) Tutoring through UTSI
- (0.5) Supplemental Instruction
- (0.5) Peer mentor

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.

CAPPA Capstone Statement:

The CAPPA Honors Capstone Project can be within the Creative, Research, or International categories. Courses taken for Honors Course points may not be used for the Capstone project. In addition to the Honors College requirements, the CAPPA Honors Capstone Project must meet the following:

- The project must be a result of the Honors student's individual endeavor. No team projects are acceptable, due to the difficulty of producing a deliverable that clearly demonstrates individual achievement.
- The student must submit a proposal for a Capstone Project to the Associate Dean for Faculty and Student Affairs no later than six months before the student's anticipated graduation.
- The Capstone Project needs to occur during an undergraduate student's final year of study.

Creative

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

Research

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

International

- Project developed through study abroad or service learning abroad

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.