

Honors College - College of Liberal Arts

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.

CoLA Course Points Required: 15

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

- Earn at least 12 Points from courses in their academic major 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
 - Cross-listed courses
 - Honors transfer hours from another university/college (3hr course with grade of A or B)
 - Graduate courses
 - Independent study courses

CoLA-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

- (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

Professional Experiences

- (0.5-1.0) Internships
- (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)

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)

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

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.