

# Honors College – Computer Science and Engineering

## 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.

### CSE Course Points Required: 15

Eligible Courses:

- Earn at least 12 Points from courses in the Computer Science and Engineering Department, with a minimum of 6 of these points from 3000 or 4000 level courses, and none of which can be from a 1000 level course. Students can earn Honors course points by contracting a course with an instructor and satisfying the contract.
- Earn 3 Points from the following:
  - Honors-designated courses
  - Any contracted Honors courses
  - Composite courses
  - Graduate courses
  - Independent study courses (not for the Capstone)

### CSE-Designated Experience 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 (unless otherwise noted) and students may receive points for up to two experiences in a given 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.

Eligible Experiences: *See separate approved COE Experience Points list*

## Capstone Project

### Computer Science and Engineering Capstone Statement:

The Honors Capstone Project must be related to the degree being sought. Students may choose one of the following options to satisfy the requirements of the Honors Degree:

#### Research

- Traditional Honors thesis; on-campus research experience related to their degree conducted under the mentorship of a faculty member

#### Professional

- Independent work that is an extension of the student's Computer Science and Engineering Senior Design project.

# Approved COE Honors Experience Points

## Designated Experience Points Required: 3

(Eligible Experiences for the College of Engineering as indicated by a ✓)

### Honors Experiences

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

### Leadership Experiences

- ✓ Campus Leadership [point value 0.5 ... Note 1]
- ✓ Student Organization Officer [point value 0.5 ... Note 1]
- ✓ Departmental/College Ambassador [point value 0.5 ... Note 1]
- ✓ Conference Organizer [point value 0.5]

Note 1: Service should be for 1 academic year. Intended service is declared to the Honors College and organization faculty advisor at the beginning of the time period. The point value for this experience is verified by the faculty advisor at the end of the time period.

### Research Experiences (Fall, Spring or Long Summer semester)

- ✓ Undergraduate Research in COE (not for Capstone) [point value 0.5 to 1.5 ... Note 2]
- ✓ Undergraduate Research Fellowship (Honors College) [point value 0.5 to 1.0 ... Note 2]
- ✓ Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation [point value 1.0]
- ✓ McNair Scholars Program [point value 1.0]
- ✓ Off-Campus Research Program [point value 0.5 to 1.0 ... Note 2]

Note 2: Research experiences earn 0.5 point per semester for a maximum of 3 semesters. Intended service is declared to the Honors College and supervising faculty advisor at the beginning of the time period. The service and point value for this experience is verified by the faculty advisor at the end of the time period.

### Cultural Experiences

- ✓ Study abroad (UTA sponsored)
  - 16-week semester [point value 1.0]
  - Summer session [point value 0.5]
- ✓ Service abroad (UTA sponsored)
  - 16-week semester [point value 1.0]
  - Summer session [point value 0.5]

**Professional Experiences (Fall, Spring or Long Summer semester)**

- ✓ Part time Internships (related to the engineering field) [point value 0.5 to 1.0 ... Note 3]
  - 16-week semester
  - Summer session
- ✓ Full time Internships or Co-ops (related to the engineering field) [point value 1.0 ... Note 3]
  - 16-week semester
  - Summer session
- ✓ Archer Fellows Program [point value 1.0]
- ✓ Presentation at a PROFESSIONAL conference [point value 0.5]
- ✓ Publication in a peer-reviewed journal [point value 0.5 to 1.0.. Note 3]
- ✓ Participation on competition teams (related to engineering field) [point value 0.5 to 1.0 ... Note 3]

Note 3: Professional experiences such as part time internships and competition teams earn 0.5 points per semester for a maximum of 1.0 points. Full time internships and co-ops earn 1 point per semester for a maximum of 1 semester. Publication can earn 1.0 if student is first author. Intended service is declared to the Honors College and faculty advisor at the beginning of the time period. The service and point value for this experience is verified by the supervising faculty advisor at the end of the time period.

**Instructional Experiences (per semester)**

- ✓ Tutoring through an official UTA department or organization [point value 0.5 .... Note 4]
- ✓ Peer mentor [point value 0.5 .... Note 4]
- ✓ PALS [point value 0.5 .... Note 4]
- ✓ Supplemental Instruction [point value 0.5 .... Note 4]
- ✓ Undergraduate Teaching Assistant [point value 0.5 .... Note 4]

Note 4: Instructional experiences earn 0.5 point per semester for a maximum of 2 semesters. Intended service is declared to the Honors College and faculty advisor at the beginning of the time period. The service and point value for this experience is verified by the supervising faculty advisor at the end of the time period.

**MISC: Other experiences [Maximum of 0.5 from this set of experiences]**

- ✓ Service Learning Course (non-required or Honors contracted course)
- ✓ AP Score of 5
- ✓ IB Score of 7