

# Honors College – School of Social Work

## 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.

### **SOCW Course Points Required: 15**

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

- Earn at least 12 Points from any SOCW course **except** SOCW 1231 and SOCW 3300. The field placement courses, SOCW 4951, SOCW 4952, SOCW 4955, SOCW 4956, are available for 3 Honors Course Points if they are not being used for Experience Points.
- 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)
  - Graduate courses
  - Independent study courses

### **SOCW-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 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.

#### **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) 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.