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University Honors

The University Honors Program (UHP) is a university-wide undergraduate program intended to reward SIU’s best students for their high academic achievement. It provides students a taste of the private-college experience at a state-university price. The heart of the UHP is its curriculum of small classes, unique in character and specially designed for UHP students by outstanding SIU faculty, to satisfy requirements in the University Core Curriculum, and in some cases, in the student’s major.

UHP students in good-standing also qualify for early registration for classes each semester, and official transcripts reflect their participation in the program throughout their undergraduate career. At commencement, UHP students who complete the Honors requirements are recognized in the graduation program and on their transcripts.

Other benefits include special consideration for certain scholarships, enrollment in graduate-level courses in certain departments, extended borrowing privileges at Morris Library, an Honors Living-Learning Community in Thompson Point, invitations to attend breakfast seminars with UHP-sponsored lecturers, and access to the Office of Major Scholarship Advisement for assistance in applying for nationally competitive awards and scholarships.

Admission to the program is by special application only after the student has been admitted to the university. Requirements vary depending upon the applicant’s status as an entering, continuing, or transfer student.

Entering freshmen qualify for admission to the UHP on the basis of an ACT composite score in the 90th percentile (or higher) or a high school rank in the top 10 percent (or higher) or a high school grade point average of 3.3 (or higher) on a fourpoint scale. Continuing SIU students qualify for admission to the UHP on the basis of a cumulative SIU grade point average of 3.3 or higher, with at least 12 semester hours completed. Transfer students with at least 12 semester hours of transfer credit qualify for admission to the UHP on the basis of a cumulative grade point average of 3.3 or higher on all non-SIU college-level work.

Students who do not qualify for admission by these criteria are still encouraged to apply. Applications are carefully reviewed to ensure that all exceptional students are considered for admission to the program.

Staying in the UHP requires continuous enrollment in UHP courses, subject to exceptions as determined by the program director. Students must also maintain a cumulative 3.3 grade point average on all SIU course work and have no failing grades in UHP courses.

If the SIU cumulative average drops below 3.3, students will be placed on probation for one semester; if it remains below 3.3 for two consecutive semesters, students will be suspended from the program for at least one semester and forfeit all UHP benefits. Thereafter, students may reapply to the program when their cumulative average rises to 3.3 or higher. Students who receive a failing grade in a UHP course will be suspended, without a term of probation, for at least one semester. Thereafter, students may reapply to the program if their cumulative average is 3.3 or higher.

The UHP offers the Honors certificate. (The baccalaureate degree is awarded through the regular degree-granting units). For honors distinction to appear on official transcripts, all entering, transfer students without an Associates degree, and continuing students must:

1. Complete 18 hours of UHP-approved course work. This work may include up to 6 hours of AP certified by appropriate examinations for college credit, or up to six hours of honors courses taken at other post-secondary institutions. The total number of hours may also include ENGL 120H, UHON seminars, and a senior UHP project or thesis under the direction of a faculty member. All UHP projects and theses must be approved in advance by a faculty member, with notification to the program director, one full year in advance of graduation; and

2. Have a cumulative 3.3 grade point average or higher on all SIU course work at graduation.

For the Honors certificate, transfer students who enter SIU with an Associate of Arts or an Associate of Science degree, Capstone students, and two-year students in the College of Applied Sciences and Arts all must:

1. Complete a minimum of 12 hours of UHP-approved course work, which may include a senior UHP project or thesis under the direction of a faculty member. All UHP projects and theses must be approved by a faculty member, with notification to the program director, one full year in advance of graduation.
2. Have a cumulative 3.3 grade point average or higher in all SIU course work at graduation.

The UHP curriculum includes UHON seminars, specially designed and taught for UHP students only, which satisfy University Core Curriculum requirements; and specially designated Honors courses in the major. UHP courses may also include independent study, Service Learning, and internships and travel/study programs, all of which are subject to advance approval by the program director.

The University allows UHP students to substitute UHON seminars for any or all of their 29 semester hours of University Core Curriculum requirements in Disciplinary and Integrative Studies. UHP students may be exempted from all University Core Curriculum requirements if they (1) pass all five CLEP General Examinations before completing 12 semester hours of college credit with these minimum scores: natural sciences, social sciences, and humanities, 52; English composition with essay, 61; and mathematics, 58; and (2) complete the UHP Graduation Option. No retroactive extension of the CLEP privilege will be allowed.

For more information, including applications, please consult the UHP website: honors.siu.edu.

University Honors Courses

UHON111 - Honors Colloquium 111-3 Honors Colloquium. Open to underclass members of the University Honors Program. Special approval needed from the Director.

UHON250 - Honors Enhancement Series 250-3 Honors Enhancement Series. Six to eight week courses designed to complement the student's general education. Topics may include professional development, leadership, mindfulness practice, meditation, communication skills. These courses will help fulfill honors requirements in addition to UHON 351. Maximum of 6 hours toward degree.

UHON351F - Honors Seminar in Fine Arts 351F-3 to 9 (3 per topic-repeatable for credit) Honors Seminar in Fine Arts. For University Honors Program Members only. Topics vary and will be announced by the University Honors Program each time the course is offered. These seminars may be used to satisfy the University Core Curriculum requirement for disciplinary studies in fine arts.

UHON351I - Honors Interdisciplinary Study 351I-3 to 9 (3 per topic-repeatable for credit) Honors Seminar in Interdisciplinary Studies. For University Honors Program Members only. Topics vary and will be announced by the University Honors Program each time the course is offered. These seminars may be used to satisfy the University Core Curriculum requirement for interdisciplinary studies.

UHON351L - Honors Seminar Human Health 351L-3 to 9 (3 per topic-repeatable for credit) Honors Seminar in Human Health. For University Honors Program Members only. Topics vary and will be announced by the University Honors Program each time the course is offered. These seminars may be used to satisfy the University Core Curriculum requirement for disciplinary studies in human health.

UHON351M - Honors Sem Multicultural 351M-3 to 9 (3 per topic-repeatable for credit) Honors Seminar in Multicultural Diversity in the United States. For University Honors Program Members only. Topics vary and will be announced by the University Honors Program each time the course is offered. These

seminars may be used to satisfy the University Core Curriculum requirement for Integrative Studies in Multicultural Diversity in the United States.

UHON351O - Honors Seminar Social Science 351O-3 to 9 (3 per topic-repeatable for credit) Honors Seminar in Social Science. For University Honors Program Members only. Topics vary and will be announced by the University Honors Program each time the course is offered. These seminars may be used to satisfy the University Core Curriculum requirement for disciplinary studies in social science.

UHON351S - Honors Seminar in Science 351S-3 to 9 (3 per topic-repeatable for credit) Honors Seminar in Science. For University Honors Program Members only. Topics vary and will be announced by the University Honors Program each time the course is offered. These seminars may be used to satisfy the University Core Curriculum requirement for disciplinary studies in science.

UHON351U - Honors Seminar in Humanities 351U-3 to 9 (3 per topic-repeatable for credit) Honors Seminar in Humanities. For University Honors Program Members only. Topics vary and will be announced by the University Honors Program each time the course is offered. These seminars may be used to satisfy the University Core Curriculum requirement for disciplinary studies in humanities.

UHON388 - Honors International Exp 388-1 to 15 Honors International Experience. Credit toward fulfilling requirements for the Honors Diploma or Honors Certificate for study at either accredited foreign institutions or approved international study or service programs. Final determination of credit is based on student's completion of assigned work. One to fifteen hours per semester, one to nine hours for summer, maximum of 21. Student must not be receiving credit through another academic department. Requirements: special approval by Study Abroad Programs, and the Director of the UHP. Course may be pass/fail at the discretion of the Honors Program. Students must complete LAC 288-Study Abroad Orientation prior to departure.

UHON399 - Honors Independent Study 399-1 to 15 Honors Independent Study. Preparation of a paper or comparable project under supervision of a faculty member in the appropriate discipline or director of the University Honors Program. Special approval needed from the Director.

UHON450 - Honors Topical Seminar 450-3 to 9 Honors Topical Seminar. Intensive examination and/or application of selected areas of interest. Topics will vary and may include such areas as service learning, servant leadership, or advanced study of UHON 351 topics. These courses help meet honors requirements, and may fulfill UCC or elective credit.

UHON499 - Undergrad Honors Thesis 499-3 to 9 Undergraduate Honors Thesis. Preparation of Honors thesis or comparable project under supervision of a committee consisting of one or more faculty members in appropriate disciplines and director of University Honors Program. Not for graduate credit. Special approval needed from the director of University Honors Program.

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