University Honors Program Requirements

The University Honors Program is a university-wide undergraduate program that models the intellectual excitement and individualized attention of a small liberal arts and sciences college within a comprehensive research university. Each student is mentored individually, through our curricular and co-curricular offerings and in our designated Honors Living Learning Community. Our students graduate with combinations of majors and minors that are unique to each individual, ready to embark on avenues of learning and careers most true to who they are. Academic enhancement opportunities include:

- early introduction to faculty research
- meeting leading scholars, artists, and practitioners through our distinguished speaker series
- advising on major scholarships, fellowships, graduate school
- Honors sponsored opportunities for civic engagement
- Study Abroad opportunities
- early registration each semester
- extended library privileges

The Honors Certificate

The University Honors Program (UHP) offers the Honors Certificate, a distinction which appears on official transcripts. To earn an Honors Certificate, undergraduate students must:

- Complete 18 hours of UHP-approved course work, including 3 credit hours taken through a UHON seminar. The total number of hours are completed through UHON seminars, independent studies, Honors-recognized courses, and a senior project or thesis under the direction of a faculty member.
- Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.3 on all SIU course work at graduation.
- Complete 20 hours of civic engagement and/or campus service per year. Exceptions are made when a student is studying abroad and/or engaged off campus in pursuit of credit bearing professional or internship experience.

Students can petition to waive up to 6 credit hours provided:

- Students have AP credit certified by the appropriate examinations for college credit
- Transfer students with Associates degrees
- Transfer students with Honors Courses

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 (minimum accepted scores are: 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.

Membership Requirements

- Continuous enrollment in Honors courses, subject to exceptions as determined by the program director.
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.3 on all SIU course work. 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 Honors benefits. Thereafter, students may reapply to the program when their cumulative average rises to 3.3 or higher.

- No failing grades in Honors courses. Students who receive a failing grade in Honors courses 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

**Admission Requirements**

Honors is an open-enrollment program and students can apply until their junior year. Admission is by application, only after the student has been admitted to the university.

Applications are reviewed holistically. Academic achievement is considered in combination with curricular activities, personal experiences and circumstance, and civic engagement. Requirements vary depending upon the applicant’s status as an entering, continuing, or transfer student.

- Entering freshmen qualify with a high school rank in the top 10 percent of their graduating class or a minimum high school grade point average of 3.3 on a four-point scale.
- Continuing SIU students qualify with a minimum cumulative SIU grade point average of 3.3.
- Transfer students qualify with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.3 on all non-SIU college-level work.

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

1 All UHP projects and theses must be approved in advance by a faculty member, with notification to the program director

**University Honors Program Requirements 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.

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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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