# Honors Program Requirements

*For current deadlines, online forms, and more information: honors.unl.edu*

To remain in good standing in the University Honors Program, students must meet the following requirements:

A. Maintain enrollment at UNL as a **full-time student** (take and pass at least 12 credit hours, 9 of which are graded, each fall and spring semester)

B. Maintain a **cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher**

C. Complete a minimum of **24 Honors credit hours**, with a grade of B (not B-) or better, and **additional annual requirements**, including Undergraduate Thesis/Creative Project, in the following distribution:

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<th>Year in College</th>
<th>Honors Hours Required by Year</th>
<th>Total Minimum Honors Hours &amp; Required Seminars by the End of Year</th>
<th>Additional Annual Requirements</th>
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<td>First Year</td>
<td>6 Honors hours required + 3 Honors hours optional</td>
<td>6 Honors hours, including one 189H course</td>
<td>Successful completion of UHON 98H Peer Mentor Program.</td>
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<td>Second Year</td>
<td>6 Honors hours required + 3 Honors hours optional</td>
<td>15 Honors hours</td>
<td>Statement of Academic Interest online form due no later than 4th semester.</td>
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<td>Third Year</td>
<td>3 Honors hours required + 3 Honors hours optional</td>
<td>18 Honors hours, may include 395H course</td>
<td>Thesis/Creative Project Prospectus online form due no later than 6th semester.*</td>
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<td>Fourth Year</td>
<td>3 Honors hours required + 3 Honors hours optional</td>
<td>24 Honors hours, including one 395H course. May include 399H/499H.</td>
<td>Research-based Thesis/Creative Project due semester of graduation.</td>
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*The Thesis/Creative Project Prospectus form is due during the 6th semester, even if a student will graduate in more than 4 years. Note: Hours earned in the summer always count FORWARD and are included in the next year’s totals.

**If you fall behind on Honors Requirements, meet with an Honors administrator to make a plan to return to good standing!**

There are 4 primary ways students may earn Honors credit hours. Each student’s individual program will be different, depending on major, interests, and course schedule concerns.

### Honors Seminars

- One 189H first-year seminar (required fall of first year)
- One 385H seminar during third or fourth year (required)
- Students may take additional 395H seminars if space allows

### Department Honors Courses

- Approximately 40 sections offered each semester in various subjects
- Examples: MATH 107H, ENGL 151H, CYAF 160H, THEA 112H, PSYC 181H, CSCE 155H
- May be stand-alone sections or combined with a non-Honors section

### Honors Course Contracts

- Students complete about 1000 Honors contracts each year, often in upper-level major courses
- Contracts turn any course into an Honors course with professor permission
- Student and professor jointly design the Honors contract project
- Honors contract online form on honors.unl.edu

### Honors Experiences

- Earn 3 substituted Honors hours for:
  - Study Abroad
  - Off-campus Research
  - Internship
  - Civic Engagement
- Students may earn Honors credit for a maximum of 2 experiences (6 hours)
- Substituted credit counts for Honors, but not towards degree requirements
- Pre-approval online form on honors.unl.edu

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**Questions? Visit the Honors Office in 118 Neihardt!**

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