



Upper-Division Honors Program

Admission Requirements

Students should apply when they are at least **3 (preferably 4) semesters** away from graduation; may include one summer session.

Application:

- Application form
- "Interests & Goals" form
- 3 letters of recommendation
- Personal statement (500 words)

Student must be accepted by both the Honors Program and the major department. Participation in Selected Studies is not a pre-requisite for participation in the Upper Division Honors Program.

Graduating with Honors

Students receive a special diploma and an official notation on their transcript. The Honors Council determines Honors designations post-graduation.

Designations:

- Honors
- High Honors
- Highest Honors

Evaluation Criteria:

- Final project
- Grades and GPA (in major and college)
- Teachers' evals. from UD HON courses
- Committee evaluation of final project

Process:

Students wear gold cords at commencement and are recognized as "Honors Candidates."

Program Requirements

Students must maintain a **3.0 cumulative GPA**.

- HON 491*:** Junior Honors Seminar (F & S)
 - Graduate style seminar
 - Multidisciplinary; topic varies w/ professor
 - Designated **W**; sometimes **E** or **O**
 - **CR/NC** w/ teacher evaluation on record
- HON 495*:** Introduction to Research (F & S)
 - Prepares student to embark on thesis
 - Presentation of thesis proposal at Fall Forum or Spring Symposium
 - Designated **O** and **W**
 - **CR/NC** w/ teacher evaluation on record
- HON 496 (001):** Senior Honors Project (F, S, SS)
 - Research/preparation/rehearsal for thesis
 - Thesis advisor must be on record
 - Student meets with advisor regularly
 - **A-F** grade
- HON 496 (002):** Senior Honors Project (F, S, SS)
 - Project writing/development
 - Under direction of thesis advisor
 - Final product consists of the following:
 - Thesis/creative work
 - Poster
 - Oral presentation
 - Presented at Fall Forum or Spring Symposium
 - Designated **W**
 - **A-F** grade

**Waivers/substitutions available for HON 491/495 in some cases. See Honors Director for more information.*

Focus Designations

W: HON 491, HON 495, HON 496 (002)

E: HON 491*

O: HON 491* HON 495

** Designations on these courses may change depending on the professor/seminar topic*