UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM

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Program Philosophy
The University Honors Program, established in 1957, is a special learning community that offers extraordinary students a wide range of enriching educational experiences. Hallmarks of the program include small classes and interdisciplinary seminars taught by some of the University's finest teachers, individualized academic advising, faculty-mentored research and other creative activities, an optional residential learning community in the Academic Village, early registration for classes, co-curricular activities, a scholarship for students who enter the program in the freshman year, and assistance with applications for prestigious post-graduate awards. Approximately 1,500 students participate in the program where they receive a world class education, enjoy the personalized attention typically found at a small college, and benefit from the resources and diversity of a nationally acclaimed research university.

Main Features
University Honors Core Curriculum. Two curricular options provide enriched educational experiences for high ability students in all majors. The Track 1 curriculum, designed for entering first-year students is composed of five Honors seminars, two Honors courses in the major, and a faculty-mentored senior year creative activity (thesis). Completing Track 1 fulfills five of the categories in Colorado State University's All University Core Curriculum, as well as the oral communications requirement in most majors that require a speech class. Participating in the Honors program provides for a more enriched and rewarding education without extending the time to graduation. The Track 2 curriculum, designed for continuing or transfer students, is composed of one to two honors seminars, five or six Honors courses (15-18 credits) in the major and a faculty-mentored senior year creative activity (thesis). Completing Track 2 fulfills five Honors seminars, two Honors courses in the major, and a faculty-mentored senior year creative activity, and Honors elective courses. Two curricular pathways provide enriched educational experiences for high ability students in all majors. The Continuing/Transfer Student Pathway curriculum satisfies Honors requirements by taking Honors courses in their majors and departments. Graduating as a University Honors Scholar. Students who complete either curriculum and graduate with a cumulative GPA requirement for continuation of the honors merit scholarship will receive the scholarship for four years. Students entering their senior year are also invited to apply for additional donor-funded scholarships, and all honors students are encouraged to apply for Honors Enrichment Awards and Thesis Improvement Grants to supplement their educational activities.

Requirements
Honors Entering Student Pathway (Option 1)
Honors Entering Student Pathway (Option 2)
Honors Continuing/Transfer Student Pathway

University Honors Core Curricula
The Honors program of study provides exceptional academic studies that include breadth and perspectives, in-depth studies, a senior year creative activity, and Honors elective courses. Two curricular pathways provide enriched educational experiences for high ability students in all majors. The Continuing/Transfer Student Pathway curriculum fulfills nearly half of the All-University Core Curriculum (AUCC) requirements, allowing Honors students to graduate on schedule and without additional cost. The Continuing/Transfer Student Pathway curriculum satisfies Honors requirements by taking Honors courses in their majors and departments. Students who complete either curriculum and graduate with a cumulative 3.5 GPA or greater receive "University Honors Scholar" designation on their diploma and transcripts. The 24/7 Fireside Lounge is located near the Program Office in the Academic Village.

The Honors Merit Scholarship. All new freshmen who have been admitted to, confirm to the program, and participate in the University Honors program receive a renewable scholarship. Students who remain in good standing with the University Honors Program and meet the minimum GPA requirement for continuation of the honors merit scholarship will receive the scholarship for four years. Students entering their senior year are also invited to apply for additional donor-funded scholarships, and all honors students are encouraged to apply for Honors Enrichment Awards and Thesis Improvement Grants to supplement their educational activities.

Freshman

HONR 192 Honors First Year Seminar

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Option 1

HONR 192 Honors First Year Seminar
University Honors Program

HONR 193 Honors Seminar 1A 3

Total Credits 7

Sophomore

Select one course from the following: 3
HONR 292 Honors Seminar—Knowing in Arts and Humanities (GT–AH2) 3B
HONR 293 Honors Seminar—Knowing Across Cultures (GT–SS3) 3E

Honors course 1

Total Credits 3

Junior

HONR 392 Honors Seminar 3B 3
HONR 399 Pre-thesis 1

Honors course 2

Total Credits 3

Senior

HONR 492 Honors Senior Seminar 3C 3
HONR 499 Senior Honors Thesis

Total Credits 3

Program Total Credits: 6

1 Sophomore-level Honors course in the student’s major, department, and/or college.

2 Upper-division Honors course in the student’s major, department, and/or college.

Students completing the Honors Core Curriculum will fulfill the All-University Core Curriculum (AUCC) core competency requirements in the following categories: 1A – Intermediate Writing; three credits of the six required for 3B – Arts and Humanities; 3C – Social and Behavioral Sciences; 3D – Historical Perspectives; 3E – Global and Cultural Awareness. Students completing some, but not all, of the program will fulfill some of the AUCC core competencies. Complete details are available from the Honors Program office.

Option 2
Option 2 is available only to entering students with >30 transfer credits.

Freshman

HONR 192 Honors First Year Seminar

Total Credits 4

Sophomore

Select one course from the following: 3
HONR 292 Honors Seminar—Knowing in Arts and Humanities (GT–AH2) 3B
HONR 293 Honors Seminar—Knowing Across Cultures (GT–SS3) 3E

Total Credits 3

Junior

HONR 399 Pre-thesis 1

Honors courses in the major 1 9

Total Credits 10

Senior

HONR 499 Senior Honors Thesis 3

Honors courses in the major 1 6

Total Credits 9

Program Total Credits: 26
Students may take an Honors course in the major and/or enroll in elective Honors courses in their first year on campus.

1 Fifteen honors credits (sophomore, upper-division [300- to 400-level], graduate level, etc.) in the major or discipline; not more than 3 credits at the sophomore level; not more than 3 credits may be outside of major or discipline.

Honors Continuing/Transfer Student Pathway
Effective Fall 2015

The Continuing/Transfer Student Pathway is available only to students with >15 college credits taken after admission to CSU.

Junior

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**Program Total Credits:** 25

Students may take an Honors course in the major and/or enroll in elective Honors courses in their first year on campus.

1 Eighteen honors credits (sophomore [200-level], upper-division [300- to 400-level], graduate [500-level], etc.) in the major or discipline; not more than 3 credits at the sophomore level; not more than 3 credits may be outside of major or discipline.