College Honors Program

The College of Sciences provides the College Honors Program as an opportunity for students to do formalized research under faculty supervision. Students who successfully complete the program graduate with the “College Honors” distinction on their final academic transcript.

Selection for College Honors distinction is based on meeting several requirements. To be eligible for College Honors, students must:

- Enroll in the appropriate 4993: Honors Research courses during their senior year.
- The Research Thesis written by the student in the course of completing the Honors Research courses must be approved by the Supervisory Committee prior to graduation.
  - The Supervisory Committee includes the primary Faculty Sponsor (usually the instructor for the Honors Research courses) and an additional faculty member.
- Have a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 and a major GPA of 3.0
  - These minimum averages must be maintained for students to receive the approval of the Associate Dean of Academic Programs and the Supervisory Committee.

Once the student satisfies all requirements for College Honors, the Chair of the Department in which the student is majoring will forward the “College Honors – Memo From the Chair” (on department letterhead stationary) to the Dean’s Office with a copy of the research thesis. The Memo From the Chair and the research thesis are due to the Dean’s Office by the end of business on the first study day of the semester in which the student is graduating.

Students receiving Highest Honors in the Honors College are also eligible for College of Sciences College Honors without doing additional research. Students need only have the “College Honors – Memo From the Chair” submitted on their behalf with a copy of the research thesis.

The Dean’s Office will then confirm that all requirements have been met for College Honors, award the student regalia cords, and communicate to the Office of the Registrar that “College Honors” should appear on the student’s transcript.

Note: The purpose of the requirement that the research be conducted in the student’s senior year is to assure that the research will be of sufficiently high caliber to warrant recognition. However, a Petition to Waive a University Requirement may be submitted to allow the Honors Research courses to be taken before the student reaches senior standing.