The Honors College curriculum is designed to complement and enhance a student’s major degree, to promote interdisciplinary awareness, and to support undergraduate research. The majority of the required 24 credits may double count towards the student’s major and the foundational core.

**Honors Curriculum**
- 24 credits of honors coursework
- A scholarly project

**Required credits**
24 honors credits, of which 5 are HONR courses and 19 are elective honors courses, as detailed:

1. HONR courses (5 credits)
   - 2 credits of HONR 19901/2: “The Evolution of Ideas.” 1 credit during each semester of the 1st year
   - 3 credits of additional HONR course(s)

Current Purdue students and transfer students who are accepted into the Honors College will not take the HONR 19901/2 series; they will instead complete 2 other credits of HONR for a total of 5 HONR credits.

2. Elective Honors courses (19 credits)
   - The following courses qualify as honors electives:
     - HONR courses other than those used to meet requirement 1, above
     - Courses or course sections with an H designation
     - Courses taken with an H contract
     - Graduate-level courses, including “selectives” allowed by the undergraduate plan of study but excluding courses required by the plan of study
     - Supervised research courses (e.g., undergraduate research, directed study, independent research, honors thesis)—maximum of 12 credits towards total of 24

   The following stipulations apply:
   - At least 9 credits must be taken after the 1st year of college enrollment
   - Up to 12 credits may be specified by individual colleges

**Scholarly Project**
A student must engage in a sustained project, either on or off campus, in which the student creates new knowledge. Results of this research or creative project should be presented in a public forum (e.g. publication, presentation, display, or performance).

Students may satisfy this requirement by choosing one of the following options:
- Departmental or college honors thesis or honors capstone project
- Interdisciplinary honors thesis/scholarly project
- Scholarly project approved by a faculty committee appointed by the Dean of the Honors College.

This experience might include an established Purdue research program (e.g. DURI); a REU (Research Experience for Undergraduates) at Purdue or elsewhere; or a project supervised by a Purdue faculty member.