

Curriculum for the Purdue University Honors College  
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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)

- A. 2 credits of HONR 19901/2: "The Evolution of Ideas." 1 credit during each semester of the 1<sup>st</sup> year
- B. 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.