

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 credits may double count towards the student's major and the foundational core.

New first-year students

Students who enter the Honors College in their first year will complete 24 credits of honors coursework plus a scholarly project.

Required credits

24 honors credits, of which 5 are HONR courses and the remainder are elective honors courses:

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

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

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
- 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. SURF); a REU (Research Experience for Undergraduates) at Purdue or elsewhere; or a project supervised by a Purdue faculty member.

Continuing and Transfer Students

Continuing and transfer students who are accepted into the Honors College as 2nd- and 3rd-year students will complete 21 credits of honors coursework plus a scholarly project. Instead of HONR 19901/2, they will take a required 200-level HONR course (1 cr.) in their first semester, plus 4 other HONR credits for a total of 5 HONR credits. The remaining 16 credits are "elective" honors courses, as above. The scholarly project is as above.

Up to 9 honors credits may be transferred from another institution. The scholarly project requirement must be completed after matriculation to Purdue University; it cannot be fulfilled by research or coursework undertaken at a previous institution.