

Maintaining Good Standing

To remain in good standing in the Honors Program, Track I and II students are required to take one honors course, seminar, Honors Option, or Senior Honors Project course each semester until all Honors requirements are completed. Failure to meet this requirement will result in being placed on immediate probation for that semester. Students who do not fulfill an Honors requirement for two consecutive semesters will be dismissed from the program. Students who are studying abroad, attending off-campus internships, or otherwise participating in a program off-campus, are exempt from this policy during that period only; they must inform the Honors Program in writing one semester prior to departure.

All honors students, regardless of track, must maintain the minimum 3.25 cumulative GPA to be in good standing. Failure to meet this requirement will result in immediate probation for one semester, provided the student meets the following minimum cumulative GPA standards:

- Juniors (or 5th semester): 3.20 *
- Sophomores (or 3rd & 4th semesters): 3.00 *
- Freshmen (or 2nd semester): grace period – no probation *

GPA's below these minimum standards will result in dismissal. A student on probation will be dismissed from the program if the cumulative GPA does not return to 3.25 or above by the end of the probationary semester. **In all cases, students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.25 to graduate from the Honors Program.**

* Scholarships which require a student to maintain a 3.00 or higher cumulative GPA and/or to be in good standing in the Honors Program may not be renewed for the second academic year, if applicable.

Priority registration privileges will be revoked while on probation. Students on probation may still register for honors courses to be taken in the following semester, although students whose probationary period ends in dismissal will not be allowed to enroll in these or other honors courses.

Students who withdraw from the program or are dismissed can re-enter the program as Track III students in their junior year if they have achieved a cumulative 3.5 GPA.

Benefits of Good Standing

- An Honors lounge and computer lab in Hillcrest House;
- Early registration for students with fewer than 75 credit hours;
- The opportunity for independent, directed study in completing the Senior Honors Project;
- Opportunities for special field trips;
- Social opportunities;
- Opportunities to develop leadership skills and special talents by participation in the Honors Student Advisory Council;
- Opportunities to participate in state, regional, and national honors organizations; to present research; and to hold office in those organizations; and
- The opportunity to belong to a community of scholars dedicated to achieving excellence and to developing the highest potential in themselves and others.