

Honors Course Requirements Planning Guide

PUBLICATION OF RESEARCH: (See individual HOPs values below.) Maximum 4 HOPs Contact your professor with your interest in this area. Refereed undergraduate journal in a relevant discipline (1 HOP) Refereed professional journal in a relevant discipline (2 HOPs) FOR HP CREDIT: Complete and submit the Honors Options Points Verification Form.	
Publication:	HOP Total
MAJOR/MINOR OPTIONS: (Maximum 2 HOPs) Dual Majors or Dual Degrees (2 HOPs) If you desire to earn two or more majors or dual degrees you should first seek the advisement from the specific academic departments that would be involved. This should take place normally after your freshman year, and will count for HOPS credit. Minors Earned (2 HOPs for minors other than for a foreign language.) A minor is a set of courses that meet specific guidelines and that allow you to complete a sub-major concentration in a specific area of study. Discuss your interest in a minor with your advisor as well as the academic department of that area of study. Foreign Language Study (2 HOPS) You may earn 2 HOPS points if you take the four basic courses in a foreign language plus one additional upper-level language course in the same language (Total: 5 courses in the same language). FOR HP CREDIT: Provide a Degree Audit showing major/minor completion or your completion of language courses.	
Dual Majors, Minors, Language:	HOP Total
500 LEVEL COURSES AND ABOVE: (Maximum 4 HOPS) You may earn HOPS credits for taking 500- or 600- level courses in an area of interest, or you may petition to take an upper-level undergraduate course from outside of your major that has interconnections with your major. With this option, you would need to keep a detailed journal demonstrating the interconnections. If you have any questions schedule a meeting with the HP director.	
Upper Level Courses: 2 HOPS EACH	HOP Total

Student Name:	
GRAND TOTAL (Courses & HOPS)	HOP Total



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Your Honors Program courses and Honors Option Points (HOPs) are designed to give you an opportunity to excel both academically and professionally. It is to your advantage to complete as many HP courses as you can during your freshman and sophomore semesters. By the end of your freshman year, it will also be important for you to identify or consider areas in which you can earn Honors Option Points, if you are so inclined. These option points will not only assist you in completing your 7 Honors course requirements, but also offer you the opportunity to develop the breadth of academic and professional experience that will showcase your accomplishments for graduate school and career opportunities.

Mix and match choices from the categories below, combining Honors courses, contract courses, and HOPs to equal your 7 course requirements. The list below will help you to familiarize yourself with all options available.

Please note that two HOPs equate to one Honors course, so plan your course work accordingly. You must have 14 HOPS points total, with at least 6 of them coming from HONORS COURSES to graduate as an Honors Student.

Use this guide to track your accomplishments. Your HP director can assist you in getting started.

HONORS COURSES: (Students need to complete no less than 3 courses in this area.)

Honors courses are enriched university courses, not university courses made harder. Grading standards are the same as in other college courses. Honors courses avoid a passive learning approach to education. They stimulate your thinking and provide the informal small class environment that encourages discussion and debate on important topics. Honors courses also introduce you to strong faculty members who can assist you with your academic development as an Honors student. You should strive to enroll in 1-2 Honors courses each semester during your freshman and sophomore years. List your Honors courses below. Make an appointment with the HP director if you cannot meet this minimum.

FOR HP CREDIT: Sign up for your Honors courses in the HP office.

Honors Courses: 2 HOPS EACH	HOP Total

CONTRACT COURSES: (Maximum 2 courses unless completed prior to Spring 2011)

A Contract course is designed to allow you to gain Honors credit for a course that is not an Honors course. The course can be in your major or minor program of study or an area of interest to you. A contract course involves your completion of a 20-page research paper or project of equal value under supervision and guidance from your professor. Papers and special projects create wonderful opportunities for you to present your work at campus, regional, and national conferences. The completion and approval of a contract proposal is required prior to beginning a contract course. Make an appointment with the HP director if you want to do more than two contracts.

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Contract Course: 2 HOPS EACH	HOP Total

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INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL STUDY EXPERIENCES: (Maximum 2 HOPs)

International Study Abroad Programs allow you to study abroad for a semester or year. These programs are either exchange (students from each university swap places) or direct enrollments (EUP students enroll at the host university). Both offer affordable options, but at times enrollments may be limited. Contact the International Student Services Office to get started. (2 HOPs)

National Study Programs, often called "Road Courses," allow students to study about a place while being in that place. They provide opportunities for students to come to know the United States. Contact the Department of History and Anthropology to get started. (2 HOPs).

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Travel Courses: 2 HOPS EACH	HOP Total

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS: (See individual HOPs values below.) Maximum 4 HOPs

This option gives you the opportunity to present your research or creative activity at a regional or national conference. Contact the HP director or your professor to get started.

Regional or University conference presentation in a relevant discipline (1 HOP)

National conference presentation in a relevant discipline (2 HOPs)

National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC) presentation (1 HOP)

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Conference Presentation:	HOP Total

RESEARCH PROJECT/THESIS: (2 HOPs)

This option offers you the opportunity to carry out research or to experience writing a thesis under the direction of a faculty mentor. Contact your professor or academic advisor about this option.

Research/creative activity project done under the direction of a faculty member that is not part of a course or contract course (2 HOPs)

Thesis/independent study project completed under the direction of a faculty member not as part of a course or contract course (2 HOPs)

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Senior Project: 2 HOPS	HOP Total