

Student Handbook

The University Honors Program (UHP) at University of Detroit

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1. PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

I. Honors Coursework (19 credits)

- First-Year Honors Seminar (HON 1000) (1 credit in students' first semester)
- Six or more Honors courses (18+ credits—one course per semester for the first three academic years). These courses fulfill requirements for the university's Core Curriculum.

II. Honors Thesis (3 credits)

- 3 credit hours devoted to writing an Honors Thesis under the guidance of a faculty advisor (1 credit per semester over the course of three semesters)
- Successful defense of an Honors Thesis

III. 125 hours of community-engaged service

- These hours will be documented by the Emerging Leaders Program and Institute for Leadership and Service.

IV. Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.3 GPA.

If a student's overall GPA falls below the minimum requirement, he or she will be put on UHP probation and have one semester to raise the GPA back to the required level. Failure to do so will result in dismissal from the program. Students must demonstrate that they are progressing towards the fulfillment of the program's requirements or they risk dismissal from the program and loss of the Honors scholarship.

V. Honors Leadership Council

Students will participate in the Honors Leadership Council throughout their time in the program.

2. HONORS ADVISING

- I. The Honors student, the Honors Directors, and the student's major advisor work together to ensure the student is moving through the Honors program efficiently. When registering for classes, Honors students should consult with the Honors Directors before their major advisor.
- II. The program does not prescribe a course sequence for the Honors curriculum in order to allow students the flexibility necessary to complete their Honors coursework within the structure of their majors. The only exception to this is HON 1000, which must be completed in the fall semester of the student's first year. Students should take note, however, that not all Honors courses are offered each semester.
- III. Students should register for Honors courses in a timely fashion each semester so that they complete their Honors course requirements by the completion of their Junior

year. Honors students and major advisors must ensure that the student registers for Honors sections of the

section of each of these courses. Current options include but are not limited to:

derive from the student's major academic field from another academic area of interest.

Students may begin the process of producing their thesis at any point after a topic is chosen; however, the majority of the work should be completed in the final three semesters of the

UHP students will track their service hours through the Emerging Leaders Program Blackboard site. Submit service verification forms to the Institute of Leadership and Service in Briggs 212 (these forms can also be picked up from the ILS office or downloaded from the Honors website). Each time you perform service hours you should have the service verification form signed by the coordinator where you serve. You will also record your service hours in the ELP Blackboard site so that you can earn the Leadership Pin or Leadership medallion. UHP requests reports on service completed as you approach graduation, but you may also request such a report by contacting ELP or ILS directly.

6. HONORS LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

All UHP students are members of the Honors Leadership Council. HLC is the collective and deliberative body of the University Honors Program which helps plan and execute non-curricular Honors activities (e.g., social events, lectures,

Honors program. Access to and usage of Gardella House is monitored by Detroit Mercy Campus Safety.

8. ADVANCED PLACEMENT AND

