

Student Handbook

6th Edition
Applies to students entering Fall 2019 and beyond

The University Honors Program (UHP) at University of Detroit Mercy offers students a unique opportunity to challenge themselves and each other through deeper academic experiences and meaningful campus and community engagement.

This handbook will introduce you to the graduation requirements, curriculum, and policies of the University Honors Program. If you have any questions, please contact the ~~D~~irectors of the University

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Program and Institute for Leadership and Service. For more information on how to document your service hours, please visit <https://www.udmercy.edu/about/missionvision/lead-serve/emergingleaders.php>

IV. Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.3 GPA.

If a student's overall GPA falls below the 3.3 requirement, the student will be placed on UHP probation. Failure to raise the overall GPA to 3.3 or higher will result in removal from the program. Students must demonstrate that they are progressing toward the fulfillment of the program's requirements or they risk removal 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. It is the responsibility of Honors students to discuss incorporating honors courses into their schedules with their academic advisors when planning classes for each new semester.
- II. The program does not prescribe a course sequence for the Honors curriculum 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 immediately in 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 required courses designated by HON as the section number.
- IV. Honors students are required to successfully defend their Honors Thesis before the University Honors Convocation (usually held in late March) immediately preceding their anticipated date of graduation. Consequently, Honors students should begin their thesis no later than the second term of his or her 3rd year, although it can be started earlier. Students should promptly consult their major advisor to determine when they should begin working on their thesis. For a more detailed timetable for the Honors thesis, see the Honors Thesis Handbook.

3. HONORS COURSEWORK

Honors students are required to take a minimum of 19 credit hours in courses with the HON (Honors) designation. Honors courses are taught by some of Detroit Mercy's most talented faculty, which ensures that these courses provide an opportunity to deepen your learning experience. Honors courses are usually taken in students first through third years and most fulfill university Core Curriculum requirements. The UHP Curriculum includes the following:

I. Required Course (1 credit)

HON 1000 First Year Honors Seminar (does not fulfill a Core Curriculum requirement)

II. Six Courses (18 credits) from among Honors courses.

All Honors classes fulfill requirements for the university's Core

Curriculum (Core requirements are listed in parentheses below)
Students should register for designated Honors section of each
of these courses. Current options include 11.04 56m TJ E8gic438(I87d2

supervise the various stages of the project, from research, data collection, writing, and revision, to a public presentation of the work before the Honors community. The thesis may derive from the student's major academic field or 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 student's academic career. Students officially register for a series of one-credit courses beginning in the winter semester of their 3rd year and continuing through their 4th year (HON 4997, HON 4998, HON 4999). Students must download and complete the registration form for each of these courses from the University Honors website. The completed form must be returned to one of the Honors Directors to complete the registration process.

The Honors Thesis must be finished and defended before or during the semester the student intends to graduate. Once completed, the student submits her or his thesis to the director for final approval. This is followed by a public oral defense of the thesis. Once the student completes the oral defense, a final, signed copy of the thesis is submitted to the library for cataloging.

5. COMMUNITY ENGAGED SERVICE

The University Honors Program requires one hundred (100) hours of community engaged service in accordance with the policies and procedures stipulated by the Institute for Leadership and Service (ILS) and Emerging Leaders Program (ELP). Students may fulfill the service requirement in several ways: through service learning courses within the university, service undertaken by UHP as a group, individually arranged service through approved programs or organizations, or service performed through sources

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

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apply for the Honors Study Abroad Option which allows students to substitute up to two (2) courses in a Detroit Mercy-affiliated study abroad program for the same number of required Honors courses. University of Detroit Mercy offers several study abroad programs in places like Australia, Brazil, Cuba, China, El Salvador, England, Greece, Italy, Mexico, and Poland. Students participating in non-Detroit Mercy-affiliated study abroad courses may petition the Honors Director for Honors credit; this must happen before the study abroad takes place and may require submitting a course syllabus. Interested students should consult with the Language and Cultural Training program (3993-1191) for more information and talk to the UH Directors about applying for the Study Abroad Option.

10. HONORS RECOGNITION UPON GRADUATION

Members of the University Honors Program who complete all of the graduation requirements for the program will:

- " Have Honors printed on their diplomas
- " Be recognized at Honors Convocation
- " Receive the University Honors Program Certificate
- " Wear golden Honors Cords at Commencement
- " Receive transcripts that bear the Honors designation

11. LATIN HONORS

University Honors students will graduate with Latin honors if they have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher. Students will be awarded cum laude honors with a GPA of 3.5 or higher, magna cum laude honors with a GPA of 3.7 or higher, and summa cum laude honors with a GPA of 3.9 or higher.

12. EMERGING LEADERS PROGRAM

engaged service and involvement in programs, events, and activities that focus on learning, leadership, and spirituality. As part of their involvement in ELP, Honors students will have the opportunity to earn either the Leadership Pin or Leadership Medallion during the Detroit Mercy academic career.

13. HONORS 4-YEAR PLAN

Course Name & Core Objective	Suggested Term	Service
First Year Honors Seminar 1+ Honors Course	Fall 1st Year	Complete 100 hours of service before the end of undergraduate program of study, which must be verified by the Institute for Leadership and Service and Emerging Leaders Program. Participate in Honors Leadership Council
1+ Honors Course	Winter 1st Year	
1+ Honors Course	Fall 2nd Year	
1+ Honors Course	Winter 2nd Year	
1+ Honors Course	Fall 3rd Year	
1+ Honors Course	Winter 3rd Year	
Honors Thesis		
HON 4997: Honors Thesis Proposal	Winter 3rd Year	
HON 4998: Honors Thesis Approval	Fall 4th Year	
HON 4999: Honors Thesis Defense	Winter 4th Year	

14. HONORS PROGRAM EXECUTIVE BOARD