**UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM**

**Description**

http://honors.unl.edu/

Admission to the University Honors Program requires a formal application. Students may be admitted to the University Honors Program prior to their first year of college, after having completed at least one semester at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, or upon transferring to the University. Acceptance into the Honors Program is based on a comprehensive evaluation of the student’s application by the Honors Program faculty and staff. Students admitted to the program have demonstrated a commitment to intellectual curiosity and academic excellence, are typically in the top ten percent of their high school class, and have an average ACT score of 31. A special notation is made on the transcript and diploma upon graduation from the University Honors Program to inform graduate schools and employers of the student’s superior performance.

All undergraduate colleges support the program, and Honors courses frequently apply to college and major requirements. Students admitted to the University Honors Program have access to all Honors courses taught at the University of Nebraska—Lincoln without additional authorization, provided they have met any necessary pre-requisites. Honors Program students may request housing in the Honors residence, Knoll Residential Center. They will additionally have access to Honors-specific experiential learning opportunities, such as education abroad programs, internships, and teaching/mentoring roles. Students admitted to the University Honors Program may also be admitted to the cohort-based Honors programs or academies at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln: the Jeffrey S. Raikes School of Computer Science and Management (http://raikes.unl.edu) and the Nebraska Business Honors Academy (http://business.unl.edu/academic-programs/honors-academy).

Students admitted to the Honors Program prior to their first year of college must fulfill the following requirements in order to complete the Program:

A. Minimum cumulative GPA: 3.5
B. Completion of an Honors senior project (e.g., thesis or creative project)
C. 27 total credit hours in Honors courses with a minimum grade of B- or "Pass" for zero-credit courses, in accordance with the following sequence and specified courses:
   a. **First Year**: Complete at least 8 Honors hours with a grade of B- or better, including:
      i. UHON 101H in the first semester
      ii. 189H in the first semester; NOTE: 189H First-Year Seminar is an Honors course offered by participating academic departments and is required of all students in the University Honors Program
      iii. UHON 102H in the second semester
   b. **Second year**: Complete at least 7 Honors credit hours, including:
      i. UHON 201H with a grade of B- or better
      ii. UHON 298H with a grade of B- or better
      iii. UHON 99H with a grade of "Pass"; Note: UHON 99H is a zero-credit class, but a "Pass" grade substitutes as three Honors hours
      iv. Attend one Honors workshop or pre-approved equivalent in each of the third and fourth semesters
   c. **Third and Fourth years**: Complete at least 6 Honors hours with a grade of B- or better each year, including one UHON 395H seminar.
      i. Students may apply to and participate in specialized Honors tracks during their third and fourth years. Students admitted to a track will be expected to focus the completion of their Honors hours around the track’s theme, and may be required to choose course options, such as their UHON 395H, from a track-specific selection.

Students on an accelerated graduation timeline due to being admitted to the Honors Program after completing one or more semesters of college work, either at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln or another school, should discuss modified requirements with an Honors Program advisor during their first semester in the program.