

University Honors College

Honors College (<http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/honorscollege>)

The mission of the University Honors College is to be a catalyst for scholarly engagement in undergraduate education. The College advances, coordinates and administers active learning and undergraduate research opportunities for students across the campus. Through its multidisciplinary academic and student support programs, the College serves as a locus for inquiry, discovery, creativity, leadership and engagement.

The College houses the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarship and the university honors program. University honors students may pursue any major or minor they wish at the baccalaureate level. Foundation University Honors College courses will satisfy General Education Requirements (GERs) in humanities and social science.

Students who complete the requirements of their disciplinary school or college and the program requirements of the University Honors College with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher will be University Honors Graduates. Students who complete these requirements with a GPA of 3.50 or above will earn the designation of University Honors Scholar on their transcripts.

The University Honors College offers smaller classes with excellent faculty, guided individual and team-based research, personalized academic advising and mentoring, special leadership and internship opportunities, community involvement, and enhanced scholarship prospects. Honors courses will provide more active and engaged learning than is typical. Students will also participate together in a range of honors activities designed to enhance intellectual and personal opportunities. Intensive advising by College faculty and staff is an important element of the University Honors College, and honors students are required to meet regularly with advisors.

Academic Programs

The Honors Core Program requirements, taken by all honors students, include courses in humanities, social sciences and community service. All honors courses have an emphasis on critical thinking and analytical reading, taking on challenging activities through interdisciplinary projects, and preparing students for participating in independent research in their disciplines.

In addition to the University Honors College, many departments at UAA offer departmental honors options. Students may complete both university and departmental honors requirements with dual designations upon graduation, and in some cases departmental honors courses may be substituted for one or more University Honors College requirements. In addition, students pursuing departmental honors and non-honors students may enroll in some University Honors College courses with permission of the University Honors College and on a space-available basis.

Admission to the University Honors College

1. Admission to the University Honors College is limited to baccalaureate degree-seeking students. Admission is separate from and in addition to general UAA admission requirements (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/academicpoliciesprocesses/admissions/undergraduate>).
2. Students must submit a completed University Honors College application, including supporting documents, to the University Honors College.
3. Admission is based on an overall evaluation of the student's probability of success in the college, and not on any single criterion or formula. In general, students applying to the University Honors College from high school or transferring into the program with previous college-level work must have at least a 3.00 GPA, and show strong evidence of ability to reach and maintain a 3.50 GPA level at UAA within a reasonable time. However, the initial GPA entrance requirement should be interpreted as a general guideline, and not as an absolute criterion; all students who believe that they can succeed and benefit in an honors program are encouraged to apply. Applicants may be asked for additional information or invited for an interview.

University Honors Scholar Admission Requirements

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Advising

As part of the advising/mentoring process, honors students' progress will be evaluated every semester. Students whose performance indicates potential difficulties in meeting the University Honors Scholar graduation requirements will be counseled on how to correct these

difficulties, but if performance improvements do not result, the student may be removed from the college.

Graduation Requirements

- Students must meet all General University Requirements (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/baccalaureaterequirements>), General Education Requirements (GERs) (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/baccalaureaterequirements/gers>), school/college requirements and major requirements as printed in the UAA Catalog.
- Students must earn a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or higher, as defined under Graduation with Honors (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/academicpoliciesprocesses/academicstandardsregulations/graduation>).
- Complete the following courses with a minimum grade of C:
- Complete the Program Requirements below:

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Honors Foundation Courses		
HNRS A192	Honors Seminar in the Humanities ¹	3
HNRS A292	Honors Seminar in Social Science ¹	3
HNRS A310	Community Service: Theory and Practice	3
Honors Senior Project / Thesis Requirements		
HNRS A392	Honors Thesis Seminar	1
Select one of the following:		6
A course proposed by the student and approved by the Honors College dean (3 credits minimum; may be an existing course or independent study) plus senior thesis or project (3 credits minimum; either departmental thesis/project, or HNRS A499).		
An upper-division course listed in the catalog as a specific departmental honors requirement (3 credits minimum) and senior thesis or project (3 credits minimum; either departmental thesis/project, or HNRS A499).		
Six-credit thesis/project (either departmental thesis/project, and/or HNRS A499).		
Total		16

¹ Indicates courses that satisfy GERs

A minimum of 16 credits is required.

Natural and Complex Systems (NCS) Program

This pathway is not being offered at this time. For further information please contact the University Honors College.

Forty-Ninth State Fellows Program

This pathway is not being offered at this time. For further information please contact the University Honors College.