University Honors College

Honors College ([https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/academics/honors-college/](https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/academics/honors-college/))

The University Honors College serves as 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. Our smaller classes feature excellent faculty, guided individual and team-based research, and mentoring. Honors courses will provide more active and engaged learning than is typical.

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.

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. Students should consult with their major advisors for information.

**Admission Requirements**

- 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/](http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/academicpoliciesprocesses/admissions/undergraduate/)).
- Students must submit a completed University Honors College application, including supporting documents, to the University Honors College.
- Admission is based on an overall evaluation of the student’s probability of success rather than 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.

**Graduation Requirements**

- Students must meet all General University Requirements ([http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/baccalaureaterequirements/](http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/baccalaureaterequirements/)), General Education Requirements (GERs) ([http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/baccalaureaterequirements/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/](http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/academicpoliciesprocesses/academicstandardsregulations/graduation/)).
- Complete the following courses with a minimum grade of C:

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**Honors Senior Project / Thesis Requirements**

- Select one of the following:
  - 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.