

CMU Honors Program Requirements

All Honors students including the Centralis Scholarship recipients must complete each of the following requirements if they desire to graduate with Honors Program distinction. Completion of the Honors Protocol will result in "Honors Program Graduate" being noted on the student's permanent CMU transcript.

1. Complete **HON 100** (3 credits), Introduction to Honors, during one's first semester at CMU.
2. Complete an **Honors First Year Seminar**, (3 credits), during one's first semester at CMU. Honors first year seminars are also University Program courses that satisfy the general education "writing intensive" requirement. Options include HON 201, HON 202, HON 203, HON 204, HON 205, HON 206, HON 207, HON 208 or HON 209.
3. Complete at least an additional **9 credits of Honors coursework** before graduation from CMU (in addition to HON 499). Honors coursework is defined as HON courses, H-designated courses, and Honors Contracts successfully completed with a B- or better. Honors Contracts may be used to fulfill a maximum of 6 of these 9 credits, with the approval of the Honors Director.
4. Complete **6 total credits** in cultural diversity (the study of a cultural aspect substantially different than one's own either in or outside the United States for CMU credit).
3 credit hours must be in one of the following:
 - HON 309: Global Citizenship or
 - HON 319SL: Culture and Inequality in the U.S. or
 - HON 320: Discrimination and Diversity in the U.S.**An additional 3 credits must be in one of the following:**
 - Study Abroad courses for CMU credit or
 - Any world language courses taken at CMU or
 - American Sign Language courses (ASL 100H, ASL 101 or above) or
 - Honors Cultural Diversity courses approved by the Honors Council including HON 309, HON 319, HON 320. HON 207, HON 208 and HON 209 can be used to fulfill cultural diversity requirements if NOT taken to fulfill requirement #2 (Honors first year seminar).
5. Complete **120 service hours** while a student at CMU.
6. Complete an **Honors Capstone Proposal**. The senior project involves research, or a creative endeavor conducted with a faculty advisor from the student's major or minor discipline. The Capstone Proposal must be approved by the faculty advisor and the Honors director and is due by the end of the student's sixth semester.
7. Complete an **Honors Capstone and simultaneously enroll in HON 499*** (3 credits). The Capstone and all other Protocol requirements are due at the end of the student's seventh semester. Students are required to present work from their project in a public venue such as a professional conference, public exhibition, or the CMU Student Research and Creative Endeavors Exhibition. *HON 499 can be taken as a writing intensive course if the proposal outlines it as such.

NOTES:

- At least 9 credits total of Honors coursework on the Honors Protocol must be taken at the 300 level or above (in addition to HON 499).
- Students must maintain a cumulative CMU grade point average of 3.25 to remain active in and graduate from the Honors Program.
- An Honors course may not be counted in more than one area of the Protocol. For example, if a student takes ASL 101H the student must decide if he/she would like to count it as an Honors course or a cultural diversity course.

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