

CMU Honors Program Requirements

For students accepted to the CMU Honors Program on or after fall 2014

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. Completion of **HON 100, Introduction to Honors**, during one's first semester at CMU.
2. Completion of 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 **15 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. Honors Contracts may be used to fulfill a maximum of 6 of these 15 credits, with the approval of the Honors Director.
4. To enhance exposure to **cultural diversity** (the study of a cultural aspect substantially different than one's own either in or outside the United States for college credit), complete a minimum of **6 credit hours** of the following at the college level:
 - Study Abroad courses for college credit
 - HON 309: Global Citizenship
 - HON 319SL: Culture and Inequality in the U.S.
 - HON 320: Discrimination and Diversity in the U.S.
 - Foreign language courses
 - American Sign Language courses (ASL 101 or above)
 - Honors Cultural Diversity courses approved by the Honors Council (see page 2)
5. Complete **120 service hours** while a student at CMU.
6. Develop and get approval for an **Honors Senior Project Proposal**. The senior project involves research, or a creative endeavor conducted with a faculty advisor from the student's major or minor discipline. Students are encouraged to begin planning for the senior project during their junior or third year of study at CMU. Proposals must be approved by the senior project advisor and the Honors director. The Senior Project Proposal is due two full semesters before the student plans to graduate (excluding summer semesters).
7. Complete an **Honors Senior Project** and simultaneously enroll in **HON 499*** (3credits). The completed senior project and all other Protocol requirements are due at least one full semester before the student plans to graduate. Students are required to present work from their project in a public venue which may include professional conferences, public exhibitions, or the CMU Student Research and Creative Endeavors Exhibition. Submission of work for publication or juried exhibition are also encouraged.

*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.
- Students are required to earn a grade of at least "B-" in all H, HON, or Honors Contract courses.
- 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.