

Liberal Arts and Sciences

Students may complete an honors curriculum in University Honors, Upper Division Honors, or Lower Division Honors. All Honors students must complete the one-hour honors colloquium (GH 299). Lower Division Honors includes General Honors coursework. Upper Division Honors includes honors work in the major. University Honors combines Upper and Lower Division Honors.

The Liberal Arts and Sciences Program offers a multidisciplinary bachelor's degree emphasizing comparative critical thinking, communication, and a broad range of methodologies and applied skills. The program emphasizes the modes of critical thinking and self-directed learning that lie at the heart of liberal studies, and offers a comprehensive and rigorous intellectual foundation for a lifetime of learning, preparing individuals to adapt to many different academic, personal, and professional paths. Students graduate with a bachelor's of liberal arts and sciences (BLAS) degree. BLAS honors students must complete all of the requirements for the BLAS degree.

Grade Requirements

- 3.4 overall GPA
- 3.4 GPA in honors courses

Lower Division Honors Requirements

- two General Honors seminars (6 semester hours), an honors (Y) section of the First Year Experience (3 semester hours) (a General Honors seminar may be substituted in some cases), and GH 299 (one semester hour). The GH 299 may be waived by the Honors Advisor depending on the student's location and course availability.

Upper Division Honors Requirements

- GH 299 (may be waived by the Honors Advisor depending on the student's location and course availability).
- 9 semester hours of in-course honors in classes counting towards the student's BLAS degree requirements (a minimum of 6 semester hours must be upper division). Students must complete an honors course plan in consultation with their Bachelor of Liberal Arts and Sciences advisor upon enrollment in the Honors College.
- 3 semester hours for an Honors Thesis or Project, to be established in consultation with the student's Bachelor of Liberal Arts and Sciences advisor. Students electing the thesis option are encouraged to complete the thesis requirement in an appropriate departmental or Honors College course (GH 444) with variable credit

during the fall and spring semesters. Prior approval of the supervising faculty is required.

University Honors

- two General Honors seminars (6 semester hours), an honors section of the First Year Experience (3 semester hours) (a General Honors seminar may be substituted in some cases), and GH 299 (one semester hour). The GH 299 may be waived by the Honors Advisor depending on the student's location and course availability.
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