**Missouri State University**

**Honors College**

The Accelerated Honors Program is designed for students who enter the Honors College with 30 or more completed credit hours. The program includes a primary emphasis upon the completion of major requirements and the production of a final distinction project in six or fewer semesters. Students must complete the following requirements:

## Program Requirements

1. Completion of one of the following Honors elements:
2. *UHC 110* *Freshman Honors Seminar* (2 cr.). All first-time in college students, regardless of class standing, must complete *UHC 110* *Freshman Honors Seminar.* This course satisfies the University’s First-Year Foundations General Education requirement and must be completed during the first semester of study.
3. Transfer students and MSU students admitted to the Honors College after completing *GEP 101* *First-Year Foundations* must complete 1 General Honors course or 1 Honors Experiential Learning course of their choice. Courses are offered in up to twenty academic disciplines.
4. *UHC 397 Honors Colloquia* (3 cr.)
5. *UHC 410* *Senior Honors Seminar* (3 cr.)
6. *12 credits of honors distinction coursework*. Students must complete a minimum of 12 credit hours of honors coursework in their major, including a minimum of 3 credits of *UHC 499* *Honors Distinction Project*. Students may propose appropriate combinations of the following courses:
	1. *UHC 396* *Honors Independent Study* (1–3 cr.)
	2. *UHC 398* *Honors Undergraduate Research* (1–3 cr.)
	3. *UHC 499* *Honors Distinction Project* (3–4 cr.)
	4. In addition, students must complete a **course and distinction project proposal** under the guidance of a faculty member in their major department. The proposal must be approved by the Department Head for the major and by the Director of the Honors College before a student can register for honors course sections. Distinction proposals must be approved prior to the beginning of a student’s senior year. The Honors Distinction Project must be submitted to the Honors College before or on the final day of classes prior to a student’s graduation.

## Distinction Requirements Course Descriptions

Students who complete all Accelerated Honors Program requirements and earn a final institutional GPA of 3.25 or higher are eligible to graduate from the Honors College after they satisfy all other University degree requirements. Final transcripts and diplomas will include the notation, "Bachelor of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (with possible grade point honors such as *cum laude, magna cum laude, summa cum laude*) in the Honors College with Distinction in ­­\_\_\_\_\_\_."

To remain in good standing in the program, a student must maintain a 3.25 cumulative institutional GPA or higher and enroll in 12 or more credit hours per semester. Members should normally carry no more than two honors classes in any one semester.

The Director of the Honors College will review the academic progress of all students at the end of each semester. Students who do not achieve the required 3.25 cumulative institutional GPA will be given one semester to achieve that level, provided it is mathematically possible. Students who cannot achieve a 3.25 cumulative institutional GPA or who fail to reach a 3.25 for two consecutive semesters will be ineligible to continue in the program. Students who are removed from the program may apply for readmission after one semester if their academic performance satisfies program requirements. Students who are removed from the program a second time are not eligible for readmission.

UHC 396 Honors Independent Study

Prerequisite: permission. Students should consult with a professor of the department who specializes in the subject and with the professor's consent present a written proposal to the department head and the Honors College for final approval. Proposals should be presented for approval before final registration for the term in which the independent study is to be done. Only one approved independent study program may be taken in any semester. When appropriate, this course may be cross-listed with independent study courses in other academic departments. Open to Honors College Members only. May be repeated. (1-3) D

UHC 397 Honors Colloquia

Prerequisite: 50 hours or permission. This course will explore in depth an interdisciplinary topic of intellectual significance related to the University’s Public Affairs Mission. Emphasis is placed upon discussion and individual research projects. When appropriate, this course may be cross-listed with special topics courses in other academic departments. Open to Honors College members only. May be repeated once with content change. Variable content course. 3(3-0) F, S

UHC 398 Honors Undergraduate Research

Prerequisite: permission. Allows students to gain research experience by working with an individual faculty member either as a research assistant or as a primary researcher working under faculty supervision. Students should consult with a professor of the department who specializes in the subject and with the professor's consent present a written proposal to the department head and the Honors College for final approval. Proposals should be presented for approval before final registration for the term in which the research is to be done. Only one approved undergraduate research project may be taken in any semester. When appropriate, this course may be cross-listed with undergraduate research courses in other academic departments. Open to Honors College Members only. May be repeated. (1-3) D

UHC 410 Senior Honors Seminar

Prerequisite: 75 hours or permission. This course will explore in depth a topic of intellectual significance that lends itself to exploration from a number of different disciplines. When appropriate, this course may be cross-listed with senior seminar courses in other academic departments. Open to Honors College members only. Variable content course. 3(3-0) F, S

UHC 499 Honors Distinction Project

Prerequisite: permission. The Honors Distinction Project is a creative capstone project prepared in accordance with the requirements for the Distinction in the Major program. Students will complete a significant intellectual project in the major under the supervision of a departmental faculty member. Students should consult with a professor of the department who specializes in the subject and with the professor's consent present a written proposal to the department head and the Honors College for final approval. Proposals should be presented for approval before final registration for the term in which the Distinction Project is to be done. When appropriate, this course may be cross-listed with senior research project courses in other academic departments. Open to Honors College members only. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 hours. (3-4) D