**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.

## Program Requirements

1. Completion of one of the following Honors elements:
	1. *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.
	2. 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.
2. *UHC 397 Honors Colloquia* (3 cr.) This requirement is normally satisfied during junior year.
3. *UHC 410* *Senior Honors Seminar* (3 cr.) This requirement is normally satisfied during senior year.

4. Completion of the following courses:

1. *PSY 510 Research in Psychology-HONR (4 cr.).* This requirement is normally satisfied during fall semester of senior year.
2. *PSY 524 Honors Project in Psychology (3 cr.).* This requirement is normally satisfied during spring semester of senior year.
3. PSY major course proposed by the student (3 cr.) + either *UHC 396 Honors Independent Study* or *UHC 398 Honors Undergraduate Research (1 cr.)*. These requirements are normally satisfied during junior or senior year.
4. PSY major course proposed by the student (3 cr.) + either *UHC 396 Honors Independent Study* or *UHC 398 Honors Undergraduate Research (1 cr.).* These requirements are normally satisfied during junior or senior year.
5. 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.

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.

The following courses may be completed alongside existing courses in the Psychology Department to satisfy the requirements for the Accelerated Honors Program.

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 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