



UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM EXPERIENCE AND REQUIREMENTS

Students in the University Honors Program (UHP) receive an enriched intellectual and academic experience in a diverse community of highly motivated peers. All UHP students must maintain a 3.3 grade point average in order to remain in good standing in the program. Students who successfully complete *all* University Honors Program requirements (provided below) will receive the academic distinction of "University Honors Program" and their Honors Thesis Title designated on their official academic transcript, giving their transcripts premium value when the students apply for graduate programs and professional employment. A special recognition dinner is also held each year for students who complete the program and for those who earn a 4.0 grade point average in at least one semester during the previous calendar year. Below are four different tracks or options of participation for students in the program:

<u>Transcript Distinction</u> Admitted to UHP as Freshman	<u>Transcript Distinction</u> Admitted to UHP after Freshman Year	<u>Honors Cord Only</u> Admitted to UHP Any Time	<u>Certificate Only</u> Admitted to UHP Any Time
23 Honors Credits UHP Mentoring Honors Thesis	12 Honors Credits UHP Mentoring Honors Thesis	12 Honors Credits UHP Mentoring	6 Honors Credits UHP Mentoring

Honors courses help students: 1) develop effective community leadership skills from dynamic, innovative, and exceptional faculty; 2) be effective in solving contemporary issues through critical thinking, analysis, and collaboration; 3) be astute at understanding global issues, their context, and ramifications in our world today; and 4) develop refined research, writing, and communication skills through rigorous preparation. Students may earn necessary Honors credits through the following offerings:

- Five Honors Courses in the General Education Curriculum (14 credits)
- Two Honors Seminars (6 credits)
- One Honors Elective (3 credits)
 - Students may substitute up to 3 upper-level course credits as “honors” through an [*Honors Contract \(Click Here\)*](#) with the UHP Director and the course professor.
 - Students may substitute as an honors course up to 3 credits in each of the following: 1) Honors coursework from another institution; 2) Upper-level coursework from a Research I institution; 3) Graduate-level coursework from an accredited program; or 4) Study abroad certified by the Office of International Affairs.

Honors Mentoring, Professional Development, and Honors Thesis

- *All* UHP students are required to participate at least one year as a mentor in the #UHPCoconnect mentoring program where students engage with their paired mentees in twelve peer activities. [*\(Click Here for Mentoring Program\)*](#).
- *All* UHP students who enter the program as of 2018 are required to meet with an Honors designated Professional Development Advisor at least two times per semester to complete specified professional development goals.
- Honors students who complete the honors capstone thesis in their field receive a special transcript distinction [*\(Click Here for Thesis Requirements\)*](#).



Academic Matriculation Requirements (Highlighted in Gray)

FRESHMAN – FALL SEMESTER (Credits)	FRESHMAN – SPRING SEMESTER (Credits)
UNIV 1100H – First Year Experience, Honors (2)	HON 1200 SI – Honors Global Leadership Seminar (3)
HUM 2420H – Arts and Humanities II, Honors (3)	ENG 1210H – English Composition II, Honors (3)
ENG 1110 – English Composition I (3)	PEDU 1541 – Fitness (2)
GEC MATH Requirement (3)	GEC Science Requirement (3)
Foreign Language I (3)	Foreign Language II (3)
Area Requirement	Area Requirement
Six (6) peer activities with #UHPConnect mentor, two (2) of which must be UHP sponsored events.	Six (6) peer activities with #UHPConnect mentor, two (2) of which must be UHP sponsored events.
* Two Professional Development cohort sessions to complete 1) career assessment and 2) career goals.	* Two Honors Professional Development meetings to complete 1) resume and 2) LinkedIn profile.
SOPHOMORE – FALL SEMESTER (Credits)	SOPHOMORE – SPRING SEMESTER (Credits)
HIST 1320H – World Societies, Honors (3)	GEC Social Science/GLST 1000H – Global Experience (3)
HEDU 1531 – Health (2)	GEC Arts and Humanities Requirement (3)
GEC Science Requirement (3)	Area Requirement
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* Two Honors Professional Development meetings to 1) develop networking/mentorship relationships, and 2) evaluate career goals.	* Two Honors Professional Development meetings to 1) report on mentorship/networking, and 2) identify and apply for internship/summer experience.
JUNIOR – FALL SEMESTER (Credits)	JUNIOR – SPRING SEMESTER (Credits)
**HON 3600 WI – Honors Thesis Research Seminar (3)	Honors Capstone Thesis (Transcript Distinction)
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*Two Honors Professional Development meetings to 1) report on internship/summer experience, and 2) initiate fellowship application/leadership initiative.	* Two Honors Professional Development meetings to 1) enhance professional branding and 2) report on fellowship application/leadership initiative.
SENIOR – FALL SEMESTER (Credits)	SENIOR – SPRING SEMESTER (Credits)
Honors Elective (3)	Area Requirement
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Six (6) peer activities with #UHPConnect mentee, two (2) of which must be UHP sponsored events.	Six (6) peer activities with #UHPConnect mentee, two (2) of which must be UHP sponsored events.
* Two Honors Professional Development meetings to 1) develop personal budgeting skills, 2) apply to graduate schools/firms.	* Two Honors Professional Development meetings to 1) build financial literacy and planning, 2) conduct exit interview on post-graduate plans.

** This requirement is for UHP students who enter the program in 2018 and after.*



Honors Electives

CRJU 4600 – Senior Seminar
CRJU 4220 – Contemporary Problems in Criminal Justice
POLS 4400 – Problems of Contemporary Governments
PHRG 5250 – Metabolic Diseases
PHRG 5250 – Principles of Pharmacology
MUSL 4600 MUSL 02S – Senior Seminar of Contemporary Music
MSCM 3660 – Special Topics in Mass Communication
MATH ##### – Preparation for Industrial Careers in Mathematics
BIOL 4610 – Selected Topics in Biology
EDU 4106 – Methods and Materials in Middle Grades
EDU 4107 – Methods and Materials in Early Education
Business Elective Course TBD
Nursing Elective Course TBD
Human Science Course Elective TBD
Physical Education and Recreation Elective Course TBD

Honors Experience – Benefits

Incoming honors students receive a range of Chancellor's Scholarships as well as the distinguished Cheatham-White Scholarship. Honors students also receive priority registration for courses as well as participation in the UHP Library Book Bank.

Honors students receive centrally located honors housing that provides an optimal living and learning environment, access to high-tech media, computer and learning technology, and special copying and faxing privileges. Students in the Honors Living and Learning Community are able to support and encourage one another through a close-knit community, stimulating activities and discussions, student study sessions and an honors residential library.

Students receive specialized intellectual, cultural and professional development, including participation in forums with faculty and guest lecturers. They attend professional conferences where academic research and projects are presented and professional networks are fostered. Students also receive specialized professional development advising and support for application to prestigious post-graduate programs, fellowships and scholarships, as well as test preparation for graduate and professional school exams.

Honors Experience – Fall Semester

- UHP World Changer Camp – Students arrive to campus one-week early to participate in the World Changer Camp. Students at the World Changer Camp will network with administrators and faculty from NCCU, while forming strong community bonds with peers. Honors students will participate in plenary teachings, small group break-out discussions, and team building physical activities. The camp allows for students to refine, showcase, and develop hard and soft skills that will be instrumental in their long-term success. The week will include the LLC Kickoff where first-year students meet other members of the living and learning community, gain an understanding of the importance of Residential Education, and are advised of LLC requirements and socialize in a fun atmosphere. First-year students receive their initial exposure



to the University Honors Program while connecting with members of their cohort and hearing about program expectations. First-year students also receive their UHP Polo shirts and PC bags. World Changer Camp will culminate in the UHP Connect Reception. This is an annual event for UHP students that officially inducts students into the University Honors Program and pairs them with their mentors of returning students.

- Honors Student Council (HSC) Elections – Honors Student Council holds week-long open elections for positions that remain unfilled from spring elections (via Google Docs).
- UHP Café – Dynamic discussions with faculty and community leaders on hot topic issues. Study hall hosted by UHP during finals weeks. Snacks provided.
- UHP World Changer LLC Programs coordinated with Honors 1st Year Experience Class.
- Honors Student Council Meetings and Socials.
- UHP Annual Homecoming Tailgate – UHP students connect for food, fellowship, and fun on the Annie Day Shepard Patio along with other UHP students, alums and their families. Parents and alums are also encouraged to financially support the University Honors Program.
- National Association of African American Honors Programs – Students attend and participate in events such as Quiz Bowl, Model African Union, Debate, Research presentations alongside their peers from other HBCU honors programs.
- HBCU Career Networking Conference – Students are informed and educated about corporate America as they enter into the workforce. The conference provides students with a series of workshops, town hall meetings and networking opportunities where they can gain solid skills and firsthand knowledge about beginning their careers.
- Honors Professional Development Network – This conference facilitates professional branding through workshops on resume-writing and interviewing skills, culminating in mock interviews with regional, national and global corporations. It also includes opportunities for honors students of multiple academic areas and other students majoring in STEM programs register to make presentations on research and their internship experiences over the summer.
- Honors Student Appreciation Day – UHP students are recognized at halftime of an NCCU football game and the event is followed up with a fall UHP retreat either in the Student Union or off-site.
- OIA Passport Fair – All students in the Honors First-Year Experience class are required to participate in these sessions to get students new and renewed passports in anticipation of impending study abroad opportunities.
- State of North Carolina Undergraduate Research Symposium (SNCURCS) – Students make presentations on undergraduate research, projects, and experiences with peers from other North Carolina colleges and universities.



Honors Experience – Spring Semester

- UHP Café – Dynamic discussions with faculty and community leaders on hot topic issues. Study hall hosted by UHP during finals weeks. Snacks provided.
- MLK Day of Service – sponsored by the Academic Service Learning Center. In memoriam of MLK’s life and legacy a day to volunteer on Central’s campus and in the community.
- MLK Day Movie and Discussion – Culturally relevant film viewing followed by dinner and discussion of film in relation to current events, political climate and historical impact.
- UHP World Changer LLC Programs coordinated with Honors Global Leadership Seminar.
- Honors Student Council Meetings and Socials.
- UHP Community Day at John Avery Boys and Girls Club – Honors students spend an afternoon leading elementary and middle school students through a series of activities in a wide variety of disciplines highlighting notable black figures in each of these areas.
- Honors Global Experience Study Abroad – UHP students take a Spring Break Study Abroad Trip to South Africa, Ghana, Israel, or the United Kingdom as part of their Honors Global Experience course.
- Honors Global Leadership Seminar Community Engagement Project – Honors students engage in a local community project that prepares them to be globally astute and engaged leaders.
- Honors Week
 - Evening with the Chancellor – Celebration of 4.0 scholars and graduation seniors at Chancellor’s Residence with Chancellor, University leadership, Honors faculty and staff.
 - Convocation – Campus wide awards ceremony celebrating academic achievement in every department and graduate school.
 - Undergraduate and Graduate Research Symposium – Honors Students present honors thesis projects to university and community.
- Honors Student Council Elections – Week-long voting for all HSC positions via GoogleDocs.