

 <b>FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY</b>	<b>NEW/CHANGE PROGRAM REQUEST</b> <b>Undergraduate Programs</b>	UUPC Approval <u>1-31-22</u> UFS Approval _____ Banner Posted _____ Catalog _____
	Department <u>University Honors Program</u> College <u>Undergraduate Studies</u>	
<b>Program Name</b> <u>University Honors Program</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>New Program</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Change Program</b>	<b>Effective Date</b> (TERM & YEAR) <u>Fall 2022</u>
<b>Please explain the requested change(s) and offer rationale below or on an attachment</b>  <p>The National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC) uses a Program Review Instrument. Section 4.10 pertains to the curriculum and states the following: "The program requirements constitute a substantial portion of the participants' undergraduate work." For an honors program to be "Proficient": "Honors program requirements constitute 20% to 25% of a typical honors student's undergraduate work; the requirements are mostly distributed across all the years of study."</p> <p>The University Honors Program is a two-year, lower-division program for students in all colleges and majors. At present, they are required 20 honors credits out of the 60 to be completed in their first two years. Reducing the number of credits to 14 meets the criteria of the NCHC (close to 23.5 % of 60 credits). More of our students would be able to complete the credit requirements within their first two years at Florida Atlantic University and complete the UHP.</p>		
<b>Faculty Contact/Email/Phone</b> <u>Mary Ann Gosser / gosser@fau.edu / 561-297-0612</u>	<b>Consult and list departments that may be affected by the change(s) and attach documentation</b> <u>N/A</u>	
<b>Approved by</b>		<b>Date</b>
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### University Honors Program

Another option for undergraduates is the University Honors Program (UHP) based primarily on the Boca Raton campus. Each year a number of highly qualified entering freshmen are selected for the University Honors Program. This two-year program provides a unique, enhanced educational experience. Through a series of small honors seminars and expanded course offerings, University Honors presents an exciting alternative to the normal program and course requirements for ~~first-year students and sophomores~~students in their first two years of attendance.\* The University Honors Program seeks to admit those students who will benefit most from the enrichment offered by this experience. Selection decisions are based upon a student's academic record in a college preparatory curriculum, SAT or ACT scores, liveliness of intellect, school and community involvement and capacity for leadership. Students who are not invited may submit a University Honors Program Supplemental Application, an academic writing sample and a résumé.

The program consists of ~~20-14~~ honors credits. All students are required to take 2 credits of Honors Introduction to Academic Life (SLS 1501) offered in the fall. In addition, students are expected to complete ~~128~~ credits in courses that are specially designated as honors courses and also fulfill General Education requirements. These courses include:

1. University Honors core seminars that focus on topics central to a liberal arts education. They substitute for regular courses in the Intellectual Foundations Program (IFP), FAU's General Education curriculum; some are designated by a 1930 course number. These courses are limited to 22 students because they fulfill the Writing Across Curriculum requirements. Typically, students in the University Honors Program are expected to take four seminars during their freshman year.

2. Specially designated honors sections of lower-division courses, affording intensive exposure to course material.

3. Advanced courses approved as substitutes for IFP requirements.

4. Additional elective honors seminars taken in the ~~sophomore~~second year of attendance. year.

~~5. Directed Independent Study with the faculty member of the student's choice.~~

~~5~~6. A successfully completed honors compact conducted in connection with a course or Directed Independent Study.

~~7. An optional honors research internship in which students work directly with a faculty member in their major area of concentration.~~

~~6. An honors directed independent research (DIR) with a faculty member of their choice. Honors students should consider pursuing the FAU Undergraduate Research Certificate, as many of the Honors requirements are also applicable to this Research Certificate. For more information:~~  
<https://www.fau.edu/academic/registrar/PREcatalog/interdisprog.php#rescert>

In order to successfully complete the University Honors Program, students must maintain a 3.0 grade point average in their honors courses and an overall grade point average of 3.5. Students must also complete 20 hours of volunteer work. Completion of the University Honors Program will be recognized at a special University awards ceremony and will be noted on the student's Florida Atlantic University transcript.

### Substitutes for Intellectual Foundations Program (IFP) Requirements

All seminars offered by the University Honors Program satisfy IFP (General Education) requirements. If students wish to complete a University Honors Program requirement by an alternative means (such as 2 through ~~6~~7 above), that plan must be discussed with a UHP advisor and approved in advance by both the University Honors Director (who certifies that the work is being done at the honors level) and the Dean of Undergraduate Studies (who certifies that the work fulfills a General Education requirement).

~~\* Students with an AA degree should consider applying to an upper-division honors in the major program and not the UHP.~~

### Note:

Whenever a University Honors Program seminar satisfies a Writing Across Curriculum requirement, a grade of "C" or better is required. Substitutions for these seminars are subject to approval by the major college.

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For additional information, visit the University Honors Program [website](#).

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