

 FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY	NEW/CHANGE PROGRAM REQUEST Undergraduate Programs		UUPC Approval <u>9/8/25</u> UFS Approval _____ Banner _____ Catalog _____
	Department University Honors Program College Undergraduate Studies		
Program Name University Honors Program	<input type="checkbox"/> New Program* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change Program*	Effective Date (TERM & YEAR)	
<p>Please explain the requested change(s) and offer rationale below or on an attachment.</p> <p>Changes to the catalog are twofold: 1) Reflect changes enacted to the Gen Ed curriculum 2) Add the standards to remain standing in the University Honors Program (UHP), to make the information clear.</p>			
<p><small>*All new programs and changes to existing programs must be accompanied by a catalog entry showing the new or proposed changes.</small></p>			
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University Honors Program

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The program consists of 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 12 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 General Education Program; 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.~~
- 2.1. _____ Specially designated honors sections of lower-division courses, affording intensive exposure to course material.
- ~~3. Advanced courses approved as substitutes for General Education requirements.~~
- 4.2. _____ Additional ~~elective~~ honors ~~seminars~~ ~~courses~~ ~~needed to complete a major requirement.~~ ~~taken in the second year of attendance.~~
- 5.3. _____ A successfully completed honors compact conducted in connection with a course or Directed Independent Study.
4. An honors directed independent research (DIR) course 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.

6.5. Study abroad course work approved by the UHP advisor

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~~ **FAU** 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 General Education Program Requirements

~~All seminars offered by the University Honors Program satisfy General Education requirements.~~ If students wish to complete a University Honors Program requirement by an alternative means (such as ~~2 through 65~~ above), that plan must be discussed with a UHP advisor and approved in advance by ~~both the University Honors Director Assistant Dean of Honors and Scholars Program~~ (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).~~

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Standards (to maintain standing in the program)

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1c) ~~Maintain a 3.5 overall~~ FAU GPA by the time of UHP completion.

1d) Actively pursue at least one honors course or honors compact every semester until program completion, unless approved by an UHP advisor, to maintain early registration privileges.

2a) Complete the program by the end of the second year (fourth semester), unless otherwise approved by the UHP advisor. Completion includes the documented 20 volunteer hours.

2b) Post volunteer hours to FAU transcript via Noble Hour before grades are due each semester.

3a) Maintain good academic standing as described in Additional Policies for Undergraduate Students which govern probation, dismissal, and other academic actions.

3b) A violation of the FAU Regulation 4.001 Code of Academic Integrity will be cause for dismissal of the University Honors Program.

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