PREFACE

The purpose of this handbook is to provide honors students with detailed information about the policies and requirements of the Calhoun Honors College.

Using various means of communication, the Honors Office will do its best to inform you of policies, procedures, postgraduate fellowships, new honors courses, lectures, cultural events, and just about anything else that will enhance your honors experience. However, you bear responsibility for understanding program requirements. The Honors Office cannot be responsible for information not provided through official Honors College channels.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact the Honors Office (located on the first floor of the Honors Center at Core Campus) on weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. You can phone us at 864-656-4762 or email us at: CUHONORS-L@CLEMSON.EDU

THE HONORS MISSION

Established in 1962, the Calhoun Honors College of Clemson University strives to enrich the educational experience of highly motivated, academically talented students by providing opportunities for scholarship and research not always available to undergraduates. The purpose of Honors is to foster continued intellectual growth, to cultivate a lifelong respect for learning, and to prepare students for lives as leaders and change-agents.

ACADEMIC POLICIES AND REQUIREMENTS

The following are minimum requirements for maintaining membership in the Calhoun Honors College. Requirements for earning the graduation recognitions of General Honors and Departmental Honors are over and above the minimum requirements, and are explained in detail in later sections.

Eligibility to Enroll in Honors Courses
Enrollment in honors courses is limited to students who are members of the Calhoun Honors College.

Regular Enrollment in Honors Courses
Members of the Honors College must take and complete at least one honors course each fall and spring semester. To graduate with Honors distinction students must complete Departmental and/or General Honors requirements, as listed in the handbook below.
Registering for Honors Courses

In early November and again in early April, registration begins for the fall and spring semesters, respectively. For Honors students in good standing, priority access to the registration system is based on a students’ total number of credit hours. A key purpose of priority registration is to enable honors students to meet their obligation of taking at least one honors course each semester.

Students are encouraged to register for their honors class or classes during priority registration, but will not be dropped from the Calhoun Honors College until after the last day to add a class in the fall or spring semester. At that time students must have an honors class or an exemption to the policy in their honors student file. Please visit the website https://www.clemson.edu/cuhonors/student-support/advising.html to request an exemption through the online form. An honors course exemption is typically only granted under certain circumstances such as participating in a co-op assignment, study abroad, internship, or student teaching during that semester. We also typically approve exemptions for seniors who have already completed their honors requirements and are graduating that semester.

Dropping and Adding Honors Courses

Policies regarding withdrawal from honors courses are generally consistent with university regulations. However, the consequences of dropping honors courses are more serious since Calhoun Honors College members are required to take and complete at least one honors course each semester. If your semester schedule includes one honors course, dropping that course will result in your membership being terminated.

1. During the first week of classes, you may make such a change using the drop/add procedure on the online registration system. First, drop the honors course and then, if you want, you can re-add the regular, non-honors course.

2. After the first week of classes and before the end of the second week of classes, you may drop the honors section without a “W” grade using the online registration system. However, you must secure the permission of the instructor to add the regular, non-honors course.

3. After the second week of classes and before the last seven weeks of classes, you may drop the honors section using the online registration system. However, you must secure the permission of the instructor, the Honors Office and the registrar’s Office to add the non-honors course and section. During this period, dropping the honors course will result in a grade of “W.”

4. After the seventh week of classes, courses may not be dropped.

5. If you are enrolled in the non-honors course and wish to change into an honors course, you may do so no later than the last day to register or add a class (one week after the beginning of the fall and spring semesters), provided that you are a member of the Honors Program and that you have the consent of the instructor.

Please refer to the University academic calendar for the specific deadlines/dates for dropping and adding courses: http://www.registrar.clemson.edu/html/Acad_Cal.htm
Minimum Grade Point Ratio
Members of the Calhoun Honors College must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.40 or higher. Should your cumulative GPA fall between a 2.80 and 3.40, you will be placed on honors probation and will have one semester to return to good academic standing. If at the end of the probationary semester your cumulative GPA remains below 3.40, you will lose all privileges of membership.

Even the best students may have personal difficulties that result in scholastic performance falling below the 3.40 GPA. Honors students encountering such extraordinary personal circumstances after having taken the probationary semester, may make a formal and documented appeal to the Honors Director for a temporary waiver of the 3.40 GPA requirement. The decision of the Director shall be final.
If at any time your cumulative GPA falls below a 2.80, you will lose all privileges of membership.

Earning Honors Credit
Students receive honors credit by earning a grade of A or B in honors courses (except in limited circumstances in which courses are offered pass/fail). If you receive a grade of C or D in an honors course, you may earn credit toward degree requirements, but not for honors requirements (see sections on General Honors and Departmental Honors).

Honors courses should also be indicated by having (HON or honors) in the title of the course.

Honors courses in the Undergraduate Announcements have “Includes Honors sections” just before the list of prerequisites.

A course may not be taken for honors credit unless it has been approved as an honors course by the appropriate curriculum committees and by the Calhoun Honors College Committee.

Honors Credit for Graduate Courses
With the approval of the appropriate departmental undergraduate and graduate coordinators and the Honors Director, certain 6000- and/or 8000-level courses may be substituted for honors courses.

Advanced Placement
Credits earned through the College Board’s Advanced Placement (AP) Program are for regular (non-honors) credit and cannot be used to exempt requirements of the Honors College.

Grading Policies
Grades in honors courses carry the same number of grade points as grades earned in non-honors courses. Faculty are strongly advised to grade honors students according to the quality of their work, not on the basis of a “curve.”

In mixed honors/non-honors courses the instructor may assign a research or creative project as a requirement for honors students enrolled in the course. In such a case, the instructor has the prerogative of assigning a numerical or letter grade to the student’s work for the honors project and incorporating that grade into the grade for the course.
Alternatively, the instructor may wish to grade the honors project on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis separately from the regular course requirements. If the student fails to complete the assignment or submits a project deemed by the instructor to be unworthy of honors credit, the instructor has the prerogative of recording a course grade of “C” or lower.

Grading policies for honors students should be clearly stated in the course syllabus.

**Pass/Fail Grading**

In certain instances, required Departmental Honors courses are offered only on a pass/fail basis and are so indicated in the Clemson University *Undergraduate Announcements*.

**Honors Contracts**

On a limited basis, students may earn honors credit for a 3000- or 4000-level course by means of an Honors Contract (in exceptional cases contracts for 1000 and 2000-level classes may be approved). The purpose of such contracts is to enable students to experience the educational enrichment that typifies honors courses, and to explore topics in greater depth than is normally possible in a regular undergraduate course. Contact the Honors Office for details.

**Reinstatement of Membership**

Students who are dropped from the program due to deficient GPA, failure to take honors courses on a regular basis, or withdrawal from honors courses may not participate in Honors for at least one full semester following their removal from the program.

Request for reinstatement must be made in writing, and will be granted if the student has achieved the requisite cumulative 3.40 GPA and will be enrolled on campus for enough semesters to complete General or Departmental Honors. Otherwise, students previously dropped from the program may not rejoin beyond the semester in which they have earned 75 semester hours. Privileges of membership (e.g., early registration) are not restored until the semester after the student has been reinstated and resumes honors coursework.

**THE GENERAL HONORS PROGRAM**

**Purpose**

The main purpose of General Honors is to broaden the student’s intellectual perspectives. To this end, students are encouraged to take honors courses in as many different areas of study as possible.

**Basic Policies**

Most of the courses students will take for General Honors are 1000-2000 level courses that satisfy the university’s General Education requirements or serve as introductory courses in a student’s major. It is permissible for 3000-4000 level courses to be taken for General Honors; however, 1000- and 2000-level honors courses may not be applied toward the requirements of Departmental Honors, nor may a 3000-4000 level course count for both General Honors and Departmental Honors. Typically, students take most of their General Honors courses during the freshman and sophomore years, although many students enroll in General Honors courses as juniors and seniors.
Honors courses can be counted towards either General Honors or Departmental Honors but not for both General and Departmental Honors.

Requirements
To be awarded the Certificate of Achievement in General Honors, the following requirements must be satisfied:

1. Completion of a minimum of 18 credit hours from three or more groups (see below)*; At least three hours from three or more groups (see below); and
2. At least three hours in each of three or more subjects (e.g., ENGL, MTHS)
3. A cumulative grade point average of 3.40 or higher on all coursework taken at Clemson (non-honors as well as honors courses).
4. A grade of A or B in all courses taken to fulfill the requirements of General Honors.
5. Completion of all University requirements for graduation.

*If a student uses an English (ENGL) course or courses to satisfy the requirement for a group I course, he or she cannot use an English (ENGL) course or courses to satisfy the group IV requirement. Unlike in Degree Works, an honors course can count toward one group requirement. For example, MUSC 2100 may count toward either Group or Group E.

Below is not a comprehensive list of all Honors courses offered, but examples of courses that have been offered in the past. For a full list of Honors course offerings, please check the iROAR registration system. Students are advised to contact an Honors advisor at honorsadvising@clemson.edu if they are unclear with which group a course will satisfy.

Group A: Communication
Courses that satisfy Group A: Composition and Communication, include courses listed in the Undergraduate Announcement Catalog (page 37) under General Education Coursework A. All Communication (COMM) courses will satisfy Group A unless otherwise categorized under another General Education Requirement in the Undergraduate Announcement Catalog.

Examples:
COMM 2500 Public Speaking (3)
ENGL 1030 Accelerated Composition (3)
3140 Technical Writing (3)
HON 2230 Studies in Communications (3)

Group B: Mathematical, Scientific and Technological Literacy & Engineering

Courses that satisfy Group B: Mathematical, Scientific and Technological Literacy & Engineering, include courses listed in the Undergraduate Announcement Catalog (page 37) under General Education Coursework B. All Engineering (ENGR) courses will satisfy Group B unless otherwise categorized under another General Education Requirement in the Undergraduate Announcement Catalog.
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**Group C: Arts and Humanities**

Courses that satisfy Group C: *Arts and Humanities*, include courses listed in the [Undergraduate Announcement Catalog](#) (page 37) under General Education Coursework C.

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<td>History &amp; Theory of Architecture I, II</td>
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<td>Freshman Colloquium: Arts and Humanities - Literature</td>
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<td>Studies in Literature</td>
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2220  Studies in Arts and Humanities
ITAL  2010, 2020  Intermediate Italian (3)
MUSC  2100  Music Appreciation: Music in the Western World (3)
PHIL  1010  Introduction to Philosphic Problems (3)
       1020  Introduction to Logic (3)
       1030  Introduction to Ethics (3)
REL   1020  World Religions (3)
RUSS  2010, 2020  Intermediate Russian (3)
SPAN  2010, 2020  Intermediate Spanish (3)
THEA  2100  Theatre Appreciation (3)

Group D: Social Science
Courses that satisfy Group D: Social Sciences, include courses listed in the Undergraduate Announcement Catalog (page 38) under General Education Coursework D.

ECON  2110  Principles of Microeconomics (3)
       2120  Principles of Macroeconomics (3)
       3140  Intermediate Microeconomics (3)
       3150  Intermediate Macroeconomics (3)
HIST  1220  History, Technology and Society (3)
       1240  Environmental History Survey (3)
       1720, 1730  The West and the World I, II (3)
HON   1920  Freshman Colloquium: Social Science (3)
       2020  Science, Culture & Human Values (3)
       2200  Studies in Social Science (3)
LAW   3220  Legal Environment of Business (3)
POSC  1010  American National Government (3)
       1020  Introduction to International Relations (3)
       1030  Introduction to Political Theory (3)
       1040  Introduction to Comparative Politics (3)
PSYC  2010  Introduction to Psychology (3)
       3400  Lifespan Developmental Psychology (3)
       3520  Social Psychology (3)
       3830  Abnormal Psychology (3)
       3900  Honors Seminar in Psychology (3)
SOC   2010  Introduction to Sociology (3)

Group E Cross Cultural Awareness
Courses that satisfy Group E: Cross Cultural Awareness, include courses listed in the Undergraduate Announcement Catalog (page 38) under General Education Coursework E.

Examples:
AAH 1020 Introduction to Art & Architecture (3)
HIST 1720, 1730 The West and the World I, II (3)
HON 1930 Freshman Colloquium: Cross Cultural Awareness (3)
       2090 Border Crossings (1-3)
MUSC 2100 Music Appreciation: Music in the Western World (3)
POS C 1020 Introduction to International Relations (3)
REL 1020 World Religions (3)

Group F: Science and Technology in Society
Courses that satisfy Group F: Science and Technology in Society, include courses listed in the Undergraduate Announcement Catalog (page 38) under General Education Coursework F.

Examples:

HON 1940 Freshman Colloquium: Science and Technology in Society (3)
       2010 Structures and Society (3)
       2060 Controversies in Science and Technology (3)
HIST 1220 History, Technology and Society (3)
       1240 Environmental History Survey (3)

Group G: Other
Courses typically fall into this group if they cannot easily be categorized into Groups A-F (i.e. business, education, PRTM-related courses). If you are unsure of what group a course would satisfy, please reach out to the Honors advising staff for clarification.

Examples:

ACCT 2010 Financial Accounting Concepts (3)
       2020 Managerial Accounting Concepts (3)
HON 2070 Critical Inquiry and Problem Solving (3)
GC 1040, 2070 Graphic Communications I, II (4, 3)
HON 2050 Current Issues (1-3)
MGT 2010 Principles of Management (3)
MKT 3010 Principles of Marketing (3)
PRTM 2010 The Recreation/Leisure Environment (3)
       2700 Introduction to Recreation Resources Management (3)

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INTERDISCIPLINARY HONORS PROGRAM

Purpose
The purpose of Interdisciplinary Honors is to provide honors students a unique opportunity to do advanced, in-depth study and/or research that combines at least two academic disciplines. Specific requirements are determined by an agreement with a faculty member in one of the academic departments, who will serve as the Interdisciplinary Honors advisor, and approved by the Director of the Honors College. Students interested in Interdisciplinary Honors must speak with an Honors advisor prior to beginning the process by contacting honorsadvising@clemson.edu.

Basic Policies
Interdisciplinary Honors requires at least 14 credit hours divided as follows:

Three-Course Option. Three upper level courses of at least three credit hours each across at least two disciplines, each in conjunction with HON H 4010 (1) for a total 12 credit hours, plus two hours of HON H 4990.

or

Thesis/Project Option. Two upper level courses of at least three credit hours each across two disciplines, each in conjunction with HON H4010, plus at least 6 hours of HON H 4990.

To be eligible for Interdisciplinary Honors the student must have reached an agreement with a faculty member, who will serve as their Interdisciplinary Honors advisor, by the end of their sophomore year on a series of proposed courses for their junior and senior years (exceptions will be made only in unusual cases, and must have the approval of the Director of the Honors College). These courses must span at least two different subject areas. The agreement between the student and faculty member must be approved by an Interdisciplinary Honors Steering Committee before the start of the junior year, with an update and revision form submitted at the end of the junior year and as necessary afterwards. Under no circumstances can courses be counted toward the requirements for Interdisciplinary Honors unless they are approved in advance by the Interdisciplinary Honors Steering Committee. The faculty advisor will sign a completion form at the end of the senior year.

The faculty advisor will be listed as faculty of record for the one credit hour HON H 4010 companion course for the upper level courses the student will be completing. In addition, the same faculty member will be the instructor for HON H4990.

In HON H 4010 the student will meet regularly with the faculty advisor to discuss additional readings related to the associated course, and how the course integrates with the student’s proposed interdisciplinary topic. The student will be required to submit a final reflection essay as part of grade for each semester of HON H 4010.

Students completing the thesis or major project option will take at least 6 hours of HON H4990 and prepare a substantial product (which must be described and approved in the form at the end of the junior year). Students taking the three course option will take two hours of HON H4990 as a capstone course to explore connections between their courses, culminating in a reflective essay pulling together their interdisciplinary experience.
At graduation the student who has successfully completed either of these programs will be awarded the distinction of Interdisciplinary Honors, which will be the equivalent of the designation of Departmental Honors.

Interdisciplinary Honors courses cannot count towards either General Honors or Departmental.

**Interdisciplinary Course Proposal Form** | Due with at least four semesters (fall and spring) remaining in a students' academic curriculum

Eligible students must have 4 semesters (excluding summer) left within their undergraduate curriculum. Student, Faculty mentor and Honors Staff must sign and approve documentation prior to the start of coursework. The proposal will include the proposed interdisciplinary course curriculum and summary of focus.

**Interdisciplinary Revision Form** | Due no later than the last day of classes concluding Junior Year and as necessary afterwards
Students will revise their original proposal and include updates to curriculum or project focus.

**Interdisciplinary Course Completion Form** | Due no later than the final day of classes the semester the student intends to graduate.
Faculty will submit a completion form awarding the student with interdisciplinary Honors if the student made an A or B in all courses in the proposal.
DEPARTMENTAL HONORS PROGRAMS

Purpose
The purpose of Departmental Honors is to provide honors students a unique opportunity to do advanced, in-depth study and research within their major academic disciplines. Specific requirements are set by the student’s department; however, it is expected that all students, regardless of major, will complete a thesis, portfolio of creative works, or major research project under the guidance of a faculty member or committee of faculty.

Basic Policies
Generally, Departmental Honors is completed during your junior and senior years. To be considered for any Departmental Honors program, you must have a cumulative GPA of 3.40 or higher and the approval of your department.

Normally, students achieve Departmental Honors in the academic discipline of their major. However, Departmental Honors can be earned in an area of study other than that of the student’s major. Students wanting to complete Departmental Honors in two different disciplines must complete the Dual Departmental Honors form available on the Honors web site.

Courses taken for Departmental Honors must be honors courses.

Honors courses count towards either General Honors or Departmental but not for both General and Departmental Honors.

College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences

Agriculture Other
For majors in Agricultural Education; Agricultural Mechanization and Business; Animal and Veterinary Sciences; Applied Economics and Statistics; Environmental and Natural Resources; Food Science; Horticulture; Packaging Science; Soils and Sustainable Crops Systems; Turfgrass; and Wildlife and Fisheries Biology, the Departmental Honors requirements consist of 12 semester hours as follows:

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The additional six semester hours may be taken in any 3000- or 4000-level agriculture honors courses (see following list) or other life science honors courses approved by your academic advisor.

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Environmental and Natural Resources
Departmental Honors in Environmental and Natural Resources requires at least 12 hours of honors credit taken as follows:

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<td>or</td>
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Six (6) hours of honors credit taken from the following courses, or other 3000- or 4000-level honors courses approved by your advisor:

**PES**  
3150  Environment and Agriculture (3)

**APEC**  
3090  Economics of Agricultural Marketing (3)  
4520  Agricultural Policy (3)  
4560  Prices (3)

**BIOL**  
3020  Invertebrate Biology (3)  
3030  Vertebrate Biology (3)  
3040  Biology of Plants (3)  
4000  Insect Morphology (4)  
4010  Plant Physiology (3)  
4060  Introductory Plant Taxonomy (3)  
4080  Comparative Vertebrate Morphology (3)  
4090  Comparative Vertebrate Morphology Laboratory (2)  
4110  Limnological Analyses (2)  
4140  Basic Immunology (3)  
4200  Neurobiology (3)  
4320  Animal Histology (3)  
4330  Animal Histology Laboratory (2)  
4400  Developmental Animal Biology (3)  
4410  Ecology (3)  
4420  Biogeography (3)  
4450  Ecology Laboratory (2)  
4460  Plant Ecology (3)  
4470  Plant Ecology Laboratory (2)  
4500  Developmental Biology Laboratory (2)  
4560  Medical and Veterinary Parasitology (3)  
4570  Medical and Veterinary Parasitology Laboratory (2)  
4580  Cell Physiology (3)  
4590  Systems Physiology (3)  
4610  Cell Biology (3)  
4700  Behavior Ecology (3)  
4750  Comparative Physiology (3)  
4760  Comparative Physiology Laboratory (2)  
4840  Human and Comparative Vertebrate Embryology (3)  

**ENT**  
4000  Insect Morphology (4)  
4040  Urban Entomology (3)  
4690  Aquatic Insects (3)  

**ENTX**  
4210  Chemical Sources & Fate in Environmental Systems (3)

**GEN**  
3020  Molecular and General Genetics (3)  
4100  Population and Quantitative Genetics (3)  
4200  Molecular Genetics and Gene Regulation (3)  
4400  Bioinformatics (3)
Food, Nutrition, and Packaging Sciences

Departmental Honors in Food, Nutrition, and Packaging Sciences requires the following sequence of courses totaling 12 credit hours.

Directed Research in Food Science, Nutrition or Packaging Sciences for a total of six (6) credit hours over a period of two semesters under a single advisor.

FDSC 4950, 4951 Senior Honors Research and Lab
4960, 4961 Senior Honors Research and Lab

-or-

NUTR 4950, 4951 Senior Honors Research and Lab
4960, 4961 Senior Honors Research and Lab

-or-

PKSC 4950, 4951 Senior Honors Research and Lab
4960, 4961 Senior Honors Research and Lab

-and-

Six (6) hours taken from the following honors courses or other 3000- or 4000-level agriculture or life sciences honors courses approved by your academic advisor.

FDSC 4010 Food Chemistry I (3)
4020 Food Chemistry II (3)
4200 Special Topics in Food Science (1-3)
4210 Special Problems in Food Science (1-4)

NUTR 4510 Human Nutrition and Metabolism I (3)
4240 Medical Nutrition Therapy I (4)
4250 Medical Nutrition Therapy II (4)

PKSC 3680 Packaging and Society (3)
4040 Mechanical Properties of Packages & Principles of Protective Packaging (3)
4640 Food and Health Care Packaging Systems (4)

The Food, Nutrition, and Packaging Sciences Departmental Honors requirement includes completion of an advanced, mentored 2-semester research project under a single research advisor culminating in an advisor
approved Honors thesis, in-depth written report or portfolio of work and an oral project summary presentation.

**Forest Resource Management**
Departmental Honors in Forest Resource Management requires the following sequence of courses totaling 8 credit hours:

- FNR 4910 Senior Honors Thesis I (3)
- FNR 4920 Senior Honors Thesis II (3)

And two (2) additional honors seminars, 1 credit hour each taken with an affiliated 4000-level course, from the following:

- FOR 4260 Forest Resource Management Plans Seminar (1) (taken with FOR 4250)
- FOR 4610 Silviculture Honors Seminar I (1) (taken with FOR 4650)
- FOR 4630 Silviculture Honors Seminar II (1) (taken with FOR 4650)

**College of Architecture, Arts and Humanities**

**Architecture**
Departmental Honors in Architecture requires the following sequence of courses totaling 8 credit hours:

- ARCH 4900 Honors Directed Studies for a total of six semester hours taken over two semesters
- HON XXXX Honors Architecture Seminars (1 hour) two for a total of two semester hours

To earn Departmental Honors in Architecture, students must enroll in an Honors section of ARCH 4900 (for three credit hours) and perform research related to a subject topic of personal interest to them in the field of architecture or other related disciplines. Students must also enroll in a second Honors section of ARCH 4900 (for three credit hours) to be coordinated with the work undertaken in one of the final three design studios and will prepare a thesis project based on the studio subject. An additional two one-hour Honors Architecture Seminars must be completed for a total of eight hours of Departmental Honors coursework.

**English**
Departmental Honors in English requires the following sequence of courses totaling 6 credit hours:

- ENGL 4380 Departmental Honors Research (3)
- ENGL 4390 Departmental Honors Project (3)

To earn Departmental Honors in English you must: 1) be an honors student with a cumulative GPR of 3.40 or better in English courses; and 2) complete an honors project. The honors project is most often a thesis but it may also be a creative work such as a play, a film or television script, a novella, or a collection of poems or short stories. The project is completed over the course of two consecutive semesters (typically either your sixth and seventh or your seventh and eighth semesters).
No later than the first day of the registration period of your sixth semester, you must have the approval of both the English Department Honors Coordinator and an English Department faculty member who has agreed to serve as the advisor for your project. Your thesis committee will be made up of the advisor and one additional English faculty member. If you choose, you may also add a third committee member from any department who has expertise in your topic.

In English 4380, you will begin developing your project and conduct your research. By November 1 (April 1 in the spring semester), you will submit a brief prospectus of your project for the approval of your committee and the Honors Coordinator. You will write and complete the project, which should run 30-40 pages in length, during English 4390. You must submit a complete draft of the thesis to your committee by March 15 (October 15 in the fall semester). If your committee suggests revisions following the defense, they must be completed so that the final draft is submitted for the committee's approval no later than two weeks before the end of classes for the semester. To be awarded Departmental Honors you must publicly defend the completed project and receive a grade of A in ENGL 4390.

**History**
Departmental Honors in History requires the following sequence of courses totaling 6 credit hours:

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To be eligible for the Departmental Honors program in History you must: 1) be an honors student with a cumulative GPA of 3.40 or higher; 2) have completed at least one 4000-level Studies in History course with a grade of A or B; 3) have reached a tutorial agreement with a History faculty member; and 4) have the approval of the department chair at least a week before the early registration period of your sixth semester. The department chair will appoint a second faculty member to form your thesis committee.

The thesis will be written over two consecutive semesters under the guidance of your committee. It should demonstrate intelligence and sensitivity in dealing with the topic as well as your ability to use primary sources and evaluate existing scholarship on the subject.

Under the guidance of the thesis committee and during the first semester of HIST 4970, you will define the topic, complete a tentative bibliography, and conduct research. At the end of the semester you will give the committee a progress report and indicate your plans for the thesis. During the second semester of HIST 4980 and under the supervision of your tutor, you will write and complete the thesis. A preliminary draft and annotated bibliography are due by November 1 (April 1 for the spring semester). Following any suggested revisions, the final draft of the thesis must be submitted to the committee for its approval at least seven days before the last day of classes for the semester.

You must publicly defend the thesis before the thesis committee and any other History faculty who wish to attend. Three copies of the thesis are to be submitted, one to the tutor, one to the department office, and one to the Honors Office.
**Landscape Architecture**
Departmental Honors in Landscape Architecture requires the following sequence of courses totaling 5-9 credit hours:

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The Departmental Honors program in Landscape Architecture consists of a three-course sequence culminating in an honors thesis. In LARC 4910 students attend weekly meetings to study various research methodologies in the discipline of landscape architecture. By the end of this course students are expected to develop a proposal for an individual project to be pursued in the second course of the sequence. In LARC 4940, the student researches the selected and approved project under the weekly supervision of a faculty mentor. The sequence concludes with LARC 4950 in which the student is expected to submit a written thesis to the faculty mentor at least two weeks before the end of the semester.

**Languages (French and Spanish)**
Departmental Honors in French or Spanish requires the following sequence of courses totaling 8 credit hours:

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<td>Honors Intro to Hispanic Literary Forms (1), taken with SPAN 3010</td>
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<td>Survey of Spanish Literature (1), taken with SPAN 3130</td>
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<td>Hispanic World: Latin America (1), taken with SPAN 3080</td>
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<td>Hispanic Narrative Fiction (1), taken with SPAN 4060</td>
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<td>Contemporary Latin American Novel (1), taken with SPAN 4220</td>
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Honors students must complete a thesis in the selected language (either French or Spanish). The thesis is written over the course of two semesters, during which the student will be enrolled in the tutorial sequence of FR 4380-4390 or SPAN 4380-4390, for a total of six credit hours. If the thesis is based on work done in a previous course, the student must revise, edit and develop the topic in 4380. In 4390 the student will draft, edit and complete the thesis, which must be written in the selected language and prepared according to the
Performing Arts
Department honors in Production Studies in Performing Arts will require the following sequence of courses totaling 6 credit hours:

PA  4910   Performing Arts Honors Research (3)
     4920   Performing Arts Honors Project (3)

To earn departmental honors in Production Studies in Performing Arts, a student must:
1. Be an honors student with a cumulative GPA of 3.40 or higher
2. Complete the two semester honors project
3. Receive a grade of A in PA 4920. The honors project topic should be selected from the following:
   - Present a lecture/recital of a musical work, music of a specific composer, or music representative of a specific genre; including a 15 to 25 page thesis related to the genre of the music performed.
   - Present a lecture/demonstration of a theatrical work, work of a specific playwright, or a specific theatrical genre; including a 15 to 25 page thesis to the genre of the work(s) performed.
   - Author a theatrical work or musical composition; including a 15 to 25 page thesis related to the specific genre of the work.
   - Serve as director of a musical or theatrical production; including a 15 to 25 page thesis related to the specific genre of the production.
   - Other creative project with thesis as approved by the department chair and department scholarship, honors & awards committee.

The project is to be completed over the course of two semesters, beginning in the student’s sixth semester. Early in the fifth semester, the student will consult with the department chair regarding the type of project in which he/she is interested. Prior to the first day of registration of the sixth semester, the student will present a brief prospectus of the project to the chair and members of the department Scholarship, Honors & Awards committee. Upon approval of the project, the chair will suggest an advisor for the project and select a three person project committee, composed of the project advisor a member of the department Scholarship, Honors & Awards committee and a third faculty member.

In PA 4910 students will research and develop their project. At the end of the semester, students will give their project committee a progress report including specific plans for the project presentation and thesis. In PA 4920, students will finalize and present their project. At least one week prior to the end of classes in the seventh semester, students will publicly present their project to their project committee and any other interested faculty/students who wish to attend.

Philosophy and Religion
Departmental Honors in Philosophy and Religion requires the following sequence of courses totaling 6 credit hours:

PHIL  4970   Philosophy Honors Research (3)
To be eligible for the Departmental Honors program in Philosophy and Religion you must: 1) be an honors student with a cumulative GPA of 3.40 or higher; 2) have reached a tutorial agreement with a Philosophy and Religion faculty member who will serve as the thesis advisor; and 3) have the approval of the department chair no later than a week after the beginning of your seventh semester. You are strongly encouraged to begin the project during the second semester of your junior year.

In consultation with the advisor, you will select two other faculty members for your thesis committee. At least one of these additional members must be in the Department of Philosophy and Religion. You will write the thesis over two consecutive semesters.

During the first semester (in PHIL/REL 4970) you will conduct research, clearly define the topic, and complete a tentative bibliography under the supervision of your thesis advisor. At the end of this semester, you must give the thesis committee a written progress report indicating your plans for the thesis. Early in the second semester (in PHIL/REL 4980) you must consult with your thesis committee members and set a date for the defense of your thesis, which must take place no later than the final day of regularly scheduled classes for that semester. A penultimate draft must be provided to the thesis committee at least two weeks prior to the defense. After receiving comments from the committee members, the final draft of the thesis must be submitted to the committee no later than the final day of exams for that semester. Five copies of the final draft are to be submitted, one to each of the committee members, one to the chair of the department, and one to the Honors Office.

The thesis must be defended publicly before the thesis committee and any other Philosophy and Religion faculty who wish to attend. The committee will determine the grade for PHIL/REL 4980 based on the thesis and defense, awarding departmental honors to students receiving an A or A-.

**College of Behavioral, Social and Health Sciences**

**Communication Studies**

Departmental Honors in Communication Studies requires the following sequence of courses totaling 6 credit hours over two semesters:

COMM 4960 Honors Creative Inquiry Capstone (3) for a total of six credit hours over a period of two semesters

To earn Departmental Honors in Communication Studies, students must achieve a cumulative grade point average of 3.40 or better in Communication Studies courses and complete the two-semester Honors thesis
project, ideally building on a project designed in one of the prerequisite research courses, COMM 3060, 3100 or 3110. The project is to be completed during a student’s final two semesters.

Prior to the conclusion of the sixth semester, students should enlist the guidance of a faculty adviser who will then oversee their Honors thesis during their seventh and eighth semesters. During the seventh semester, students enroll in COMM 4960, Honors Creative Inquiry Capstone, for 3 credits and undertake the first stages of their thesis.

During the eighth semester, students enroll in COMM 4960, Honors Creative Inquiry Capstone, for 3 additional credits in order to complete the final work on their thesis which will culminate in a substantial written paper of conference or publication quality and length.

The final project will be evaluated by the student’s Honors committee and then presented in an oral presentation open to the public.

Students must have a grade of A or B in the two 496 courses.

**Health Sciences**

Departmental Honors in Health Science requires the following sequence of courses totaling 7 credit hours:

- HLTH 3950 Honors Research Seminar (3)
- 4950 Honors Thesis Seminar (3)
- 4960 Honors Research Colloquium (1)

Departmental Honors in Public Health Sciences requires two semesters (three credits each) of independent research and participation in a one-credit research colloquium in which the student will present an honors thesis, portfolio of creative work, a major research project, or service-learning project in a public forum to other honors students and faculty. The Department of Public Health Sciences will select six Departmental Honors candidates each year for participation in the Departmental Honors program. In HLTH 3950, the student participates with other honors students in a research seminar and attends the senior honors student presentations during the honors research colloquium. Students are required to identify faculty mentors during the spring semester of their junior year as part of this seminar and solicit their input in the creation of the research proposal. HLTH 4950 involves collection and analysis of data under the supervision of a faculty mentor in the student’s area of interest, the writing of the thesis, the creation of a portfolio of creative work, or the development of a major research project and oral, written and/or visual presentation of the honors work to the faculty of the Department of Public Health Sciences and departmental honors students in a one-hour research colloquium, HLTH 4960, in the Spring of the senior year. Honors projects are expected to involve substantial independent research and will demonstrate a command of the appropriate literature.

**Nursing**

Departmental Honors in Nursing requires the following sequence of courses totaling 9 credit hours:

- NURS 3280 Honors Seminar I (2)
- 3300 Research in Nursing (3)
Students work with an honors mentor to develop and implement an honors project. In NURS 3280, students identify an area of interest, identify team members for their project, and contact a faculty mentor. In NURS 3300, students review the literature about their topic and begin to develop their proposals. In NURS 4280, students finalize their proposal and submit for funding, then in NURS 4280, students carry out their project, write it up and present it at the college research day and at any Calhoun Honors research day.

This is designed to provide nursing honors students an opportunity for advanced, independent and in-depth study of a clinical problem or professional issue in nursing under the guidance of a faculty preceptor.

Honors nursing students develop and implement a directed study project or honors thesis that addresses a major clinical problem related to nursing or a professional nursing issue.

Students will be admitted to the Honors Program in Nursing in the Fall semester only.

**Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Management**
Departmental Honors in Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Management requires the following sequence of courses totaling 9 credit hours:

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<td>Introduction to Field Training and Research (1)</td>
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<td>Presentation of Honors Projects (1)</td>
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PRTM Departmental Honors is earned through a cohort-based program. Students may apply to the Departmental Honors Coordinator to participate in the program or faculty may nominate students for the program. Applications are processed each fall and the PRTM Department selects approximately seven candidates for each cohort annually.

Departmental Honors students begin the program by taking PRTM 3990 to orient them to their upcoming research projects, including providing background information and related field experiences. Following PRTM 3990, students will take the sequence of PRTM 4090 and 4100 with a faculty member who has a research project beginning or ongoing. In PRTM 4090 the students will learn the rationale for the faculty member’s project, examine the scientific literature relevant to the project, become familiar with the methods and tools related to the research, and develop a research proposal that fits within or compliments the planned or ongoing research project. In PRTM 4100 the student will conduct the proposed research project, including any necessary field work, data collection, or analyses. Students then take PRTM 9100 (graded as a pass/no pass course based predominantly on attendance and participation) in conjunction with HON 4000 to provide insights into graduate-level research, research presentations, and the potential opportunities afforded in a PRTM graduate program. Honors students earn graduate credits for taking PRTM 9100, as allowed by university policy for undergraduate seniors with a 3.0 GPA or higher. Finally, in PRTM 4990 the students
complete a written summary of the project conducted in PRTM 4100 and prepare and present an oral summary of the project. The oral presentation will be made in PRTM 9100 or in an appropriate professional setting with the permission of the supervising instructor. Upon approval of the Departmental Honors Coordinator, PRTM 4080 Honors Internship (6 credits) may be take in place of PRTM 4090 and 4100.

The eight honors-based credit hours from PRTM 3990, 4090, 4100, and 4990 (or PRTM 4080, if taken) may in some cases be substituted for regular degree requirements.

Departmental Honors may not be available to students concentrating in Golf or Recreation Therapy because of conflicts with external requirements for professional certification.

**Political Science**

Departmental Honors in Political Science requires the following sequence of courses totaling 8 credit hours:

- **POSC 3950** Junior Honors Research Seminar (1)
- **3960** Junior Honors Research (1)
- **4900** Senior Honors Thesis Research (3)
- **4910** Senior Honors Thesis (3)

Departmental Honors in Political Science consists of four courses, of which, three (3) hours will count toward the 30 hours in Political Science required for graduation. In your junior year you will take POSC 3950 and POSC 3960. In POSC 3950, you will participate with other honors students and with various members of the faculty in a research seminar. In this course, you will learn how to develop a research topic and how to choose an appropriate research methodology, and you will have the opportunity to hear research presentations by students who are writing their senior theses. At the conclusion of the course, you will prepare a research prospectus for a project to be completed the following semester in POSC 3960. This project will comprise a substantial research paper, written in conjunction with any approved three-credit 3000- or 4000-level political science course.

The senior thesis consists of a two-course sequence that will involve substantial independent research and will demonstrate a command of the appropriate literature. The thesis will be graded by your advisor, taking into account the comments of at least one other member of the faculty.

Requirements for POSC 4900 are assigned by your advisor and typically will consist of a detailed proposal or topic outline, an annotated bibliography, and other evidence of progress toward completion of the thesis. The final thesis grade will be summa cum laude, magna cum laude, cum laude, or no distinction. The course grade for POSC 4910 will be A for theses awarded an honors grade and B or below for theses awarded a grade of no distinction.

The Political Science Department also offers honors courses taught in a foreign language (French or Spanish):

- **POSC 3610** American Diplomacy and Politics (3)
- **3750** European Integration (3)
Psychology

Departmental Honors in Psychology requires the following sequence of courses totaling 6-8 credit hours:

PSYC 4900 Senior Division Honors Research (2-4)
4910 Senior Division Honors Research II (2-4)

A cumulative GPA of 3.40 or higher in Psychology courses is required for participation in Departmental Honors. The program involves two semesters of independent research culminating in a thesis of publishable quality. The thesis may be empirical, historical, or theoretical in nature and should demonstrate your ability to evaluate and subsequently add to an important area of psychological study. A total of six to eight credits of PSYC 4900 and PSYC 4910 is required, with variable credit hours per semester allowed.

The department recommends that you take PSYC 4900 the second semester of your junior year and PSYC 4910 the first semester of your senior year. You are encouraged to use the second semester of your senior year for manuscript revision and submission of your thesis for publication. Prior to undertaking PSYC 4900 you are encouraged to participate in the PSYC 4990 seminar, which focuses on specific research projects and evaluation of design, methods, analysis, and interpretation.

To graduate with Departmental Honors you must successfully defend your completed thesis before the thesis committee and other interested parties.

The department also offers the following honors courses:

PSYC 3400 Life-span Developmental Psychology (3)
3520 Social Psychology (3)
3830 Abnormal Psychology (3)
3900 Honors Seminar in Psychology (3)
4220 Sensation and Perception (3)
4970 Directed Studies in Psychology (1-4)
4980 Team Based Research (1-4)

Sociology

Departmental Honors in Sociology requires the following sequence of courses totaling 15 credit hours:

SOC 3030 Methods of Social Research I (4)
3100 Marriage and Intimacy (3)
3940 Sociology of Mental Illness (3)
4080 Honors Thesis Research I (3)
4090 Honors Thesis Research II (3)

The Departmental Honors program in Sociology includes a thesis researched and written during the two semesters of your senior year under the guidance of a faculty mentor. Additional guidance may be provided by a faculty committee, one member of which will be your mentor.
The thesis will involve substantial independent research and demonstrate a command of appropriate literature. The thesis will be graded by the mentor, who will receive and consider the comments of another faculty member. The SOC 4080 work usually consists of a detailed outline proposal, an annotated bibliography, and other evidence of substantial work toward completion of the thesis. SOC 4090 will involve the actual writing, and where necessary, revision of the thesis for presentation. A minimum GPA of 3.40 in sociology courses is required for participation in this program.

College of Business

Accounting

Departmental Honors in Accounting requires four of the following courses totaling 12 credit hours:

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In lieu of no more than one of the above courses, the student may take one 3000- or 4000-level honors course in Economics, Finance, Management or Marketing.

Economics

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During the second semester of the junior year the student will select, in consultation with a senior faculty member, a suitable topic for the senior thesis. The topic may be an extension of the one chosen for ECON 3900, or something entirely different. In either case, the student must demonstrate an imaginative approach to the subject. The thesis must also display a command of economic theory and an ability to apply theory to the analysis of real-world events.

During the semesters in which ECON 4910 and ECON 4920 are taken, the student will make frequent progress reports to the thesis advisor. Before the end of ECON 4920, the student will present an oral report on the project to members of the faculty and fellow students. The final thesis, which should be written using a style guide such as the Chicago Manual of Style, will be bound and retained in the departmental library. One copy will be provided to the Honors Office.

Although not part of the Departmental Honors Program in Economics, the following courses may be taken for honors credit:

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At the 3000 or 4000 level.
Financial Management
For majors in Accounting and Financial Management, the Departmental Honors in Financial Management requirements consist of 12 semester hours as follows:

Financial Management Corporate Finance sequence:
FIN 3110  Financial Management I (3)
3120  Financial Management II (3)
4020  Advanced Corporate Finance (3)
4040  Financial Modeling (3)

Financial Services sequence:
FIN 3110  Financial Management I (3)
3120  Financial Management II (3)
4050  Portfolio Management and Theory (3)
4060  Analysis and Use of Derivatives (3)

Students may not mix and match courses from different sequences to count for Departmental Honors credit.

In FIN 4020 and 4040, students work individually and in groups on a year-long merger analysis project including background research on the firms, ratio analysis, comparable firms analysis, and comparable transactions analysis. They write an end of year report and present their findings to the faculty.

In FIN 4050 and 4060, students work on individualized projects related to practical applications in investments management.

In lieu of one of 3110 or 3120, a student may take FIN 4100 for three hours (with the permission of the department chair) or a three hour 3000- or 4000-level honors course in Accounting, Economics, Management, or Marketing. A substitution may be made for a course in one of the senior-level sequences only if the student is enrolled off-campus during one of the student’s final two semesters.

International Business
Departmental Honors in International Business requires the following sequence of courses totaling 12 credit hours:

BUS 2910  Honors Seminar in International Business 1(1)
3910  International Business Honors Thesis Research 1(1)
3920  International Business Honors Thesis Proposal 1(1)
4910  International Business Honors Thesis I 3(3)
The additional three semester hours may be taken in any 3000- or 4000-level business course (see following list).

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The International Business Departmental Honors is composed of three one-credit hour courses that are designed to prepare the student for a two-semester senior thesis (BUS 4910 and 4920) to be written during the senior year. In addition, the student will be required to complete a foreign language through the 305-level and spend one year at an approved international partner school taking BUS 3910 and 3920. Prior to their study abroad students are required to take BUS 2910. They will also be expected to complete at least one of their normal business courses with an honors designation.

This program is designed to provide a research experience to honors students majoring in business-related disciplines, while encouraging them to participate in a meaningful international experience. The research will be conducted under the supervision of at least one Clemson faculty member, and may include the active participation of a faculty member from an international partner school. The balance of the topic development will take place while the student is participating in a required academic year study abroad program at an approved university. The primary language of instruction at this partner school will be in the same foreign language that the student takes at Clemson.
Students may join as early as their first year, but may wait until the second semester of the sophomore year to declare an intention to participate in the program. They must meet all existing requirements for membership in the Calhoun Honors College and be accepted by the International Business Honors Committee which consists of six faculty members, one each elected from Accounting, Economics, Finance, Management, Marketing and Languages. The committee will be chaired by the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs of the College of Business and Behavioral Science.

**Graphic Communications**
Departmental Honors in Graphic Communications requires at least four of the following courses totaling at least 12 credit hours.

- GCC 4060 Package and Specialty Printing (4)
- 4400 Commercial Printing (4)
- 4440 Current Developments & Trends in Graphic Communications (4)
- 4480 Planning and Controlling Printing Functions (3)
- 4510 Special Projects in Graphic Communications (1-6)

**Management**
Departmental Honors in Management requires four of the following courses totaling 12 credit hours:

- MGT 3070 Human Resource Management (3)
- 3100 Intermediate Business Statistics (3)
- 3120 Decision Models for Management (3)
- 4020 Operations Planning and Control (3)
- 4150 Business Strategy (3)

**Marketing**
Departmental Honors in Marketing requires the following sequence of courses (of which 3 hours may count toward the 15 hours of support courses in Marketing) totaling 7 credit hours:

- MKT 3900 Junior Honors Research (1) in conjunction with any three-credit Marketing courses other than Marketing 3010, MKT 3010 and MKT 4310.
- 4900 Senior Honors Thesis Research (3)
- 4910 Senior Honors Thesis Writing and Presentation (3)

Beginning no later than the first semester of the junior year, students who wish to complete Departmental Honors in marketing will consult with the department's honors advisor to plan their program.

In the second semester of their junior year students may enroll in MKT 3900, a one-credit course. During this semester the student will select and complete a research project in conjunction with an approved 3-credit Marketing course.

In the first semester of the senior-year, students will enroll in MKT 4900 Senior Honors Thesis Research (3). Students will choose a suitable topic for their senior honors thesis. Students will be required to produce a
research proposal which involves an imaginative approach to the subject, a sufficient literature review, a comprehensive introduction to the research topic and a detailed research plan. Evaluation will be summa cum laude, magna cum laude, cum laude, or no distinction. The course grade for MKT 4900 will be an ‘A’ for work that is awarded an honors grade and ‘B’ or below for work that is awarded a grade of no distinction.

The second semester of the senior year, students will enroll in MKT 4910 Senior Honors Thesis Writing (3). Students will implement their research plan, write up their report and present and defend their Senior Honors Thesis in front of an audience made up of Marketing faculty, Honors students and others. Students will be evaluated on their written and oral presentation of their research findings. Evaluation will be summa cum laude, magna cum laude, cum laude, or no distinction. The course grade for MKT 4910 will be an ‘A’ for work that is awarded an honors grade and ‘B’ or below for work that is awarded a grade of no distinction.

The final thesis, which should be written using a style guide used by Marketing journals, will be bound and retained in the departmental library. One copy will be provided to the Honors Office.

College of Education

The College of Education is not offering Departmental Honors at this time.

College of Engineering, Computing and Applied Science

**Bioengineering**

Departmental Honors in Bioengineering requires the following courses totaling 7 credit hours:

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<td>Mentored Research in Bioengineering (1-4)</td>
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The Departmental Honors program in Bioengineering provides exceptional students training and practical experience in the conduct of experimental research under the supervision of a faculty advisor. BIOE 4150 provides academic training in research planning, ethical conduct, professional documentation, and dissemination in both oral and written formats. Students are strongly encouraged to co-enroll in BIOE 4150 (6150 if pursuing BS/MS degree) during their first semester of BIOE 4910.

In BIOE 4910, students will perform a review of relevant peer-reviewed literature, conduct a mentored research project, and present their findings in a poser or oral presentation (final semester) during the department's research day near the end of each semester. During their final semester of BIOE 4910, students must prepare a senior thesis including the background, methods, results, and conclusions of the research project that must be approved by the faculty advisor and the department Honors Committee. Six credits of BIOE H 4910 may be used to satisfy the BIOE Technical Requirements within the Bioengineering curriculum.

**Biosystems Engineering**

Departmental Honors in Biosystems Engineering requires the following sequence of courses totaling 7 credit hours:
To be eligible for Departmental Honors in Biosystems Engineering you must have a minimum overall GPA of 3.5 and a written recommendation by two faculty members in the Biosystems Engineering (BE) program. One of the recommending faculty members must be willing to serve as the advisor for the thesis. The faculty advisor and student must provide a general topic area and statement of available and required resources to complete the thesis in the required time period.

In BE 3000, taken during the fall semester of the junior year, students are introduced to current faculty research. Project ideas are then developed to prepare students in choosing a research topic for the senior honors thesis. Students are required to attend senior honors thesis presentations. The research will begin during the spring semester of the junior year with BE 3010. In the first semester of your senior year, you will enroll in BE 4000 and take BE 4510 during your final semester.

During the research/thesis process you will review the literature pertinent to the research topic, conduct a research program, develop a portfolio, and present a summary of the background analysis and results of the project in the form of a senior thesis which must be approved by your faculty advisor. You are also required to make a presentation of your research program in a public seminar and to submit one copy of your thesis to the Honors Office. The final version of the thesis must be submitted to the advisor by the last day of finals week of the fall semester of the senior year.

**Chemical Engineering**

Departmental Honors in Chemical Engineering requires the following sequence of courses totaling 8 credit hours:

CHE 3000 Honors Seminar (1)
3950 Honors Research I (3)
4950 Honors Research II (3)
4970 Honors Thesis (1)

Students in the Chemical Engineering Departmental Honors program will conduct a major research project under the direction of a faculty member and write an honors thesis. In the first semester of the junior year honors students take CHE 3000. To earn this pass/fail credit honors students attend the department's CHE 8950 graduate seminar and meet individually with faculty members to learn about research opportunities in chemical engineering. By the end of the semester students select a research topic and faculty advisor. In the next two semesters honors students take CHE 3950 and CHE 4950. In these lab courses the students conduct research, write progress reports, and review their results periodically with their faculty advisor. In CHE 4950 each student presents a seminar before the faculty, graduate students and other honors students taking CHE 3000. In the last semester of the senior year the student registers for CHE 4970 and writes an honors thesis.
With the approval of the faculty research advisor the exact timing of the honors sequence can be adjusted to accommodate students who are also involved in the cooperative education program.

**Civil Engineering (three options)**

**Option one:** Honors Thesis Option for students in the BS Degree Program in Civil Engineering requires the following sequence of courses totaling 7-8 credit hours:

- CE 3880 Honors Research Topics (1)
- CE 3890 Honors Research Skills (1)
- CE 4880 Honors Research I (2-3)
- CE 4890 Honors Research II (3)

Honors students in the Civil Engineering Departmental Honors program generally take CE 3880 and CE 3890 in the junior year. These courses are designed to prepare students for the senior-year thesis, which consists of CE 4880 and CE 4890. This sequence allows Civil Engineering honors students the opportunity to carry out a major research project under the direction of a selected faculty member. Students must complete an Honors Research Thesis and an oral defense of the thesis attended by the student’s faculty advisor, Civil Engineering Honors Coordinator and other interested faculty and students.

**Option two:** Research Option for students in the BS/MS Degree Program in Civil Engineering requires the following sequence of courses totaling 7-8 credit hours:

- CE 3880 Honors Research Topics (1)
- CE 3890 Honors Research Skills (1)
- CE 4880 Honors Research I (2-3)
- CE 4890 Honors Research II (3)

Students must complete a research proposal including any preliminary research needed to reasonably define the scope and methodology of the proposed research. The research project will have the scope of activity normally associated with an MS thesis.

The expect outcome includes a research proposal, including an introduction of the problem statement, literature review, research methodology and sufficient preliminary results to validate the intended study. The student will also be required to give a proposal presentation attended by the student’s faculty advisor, Civil Engineering Honors Coordinator and other interested faculty and students.

**Option three (Portfolio Option):** Completion of four Honors Projects, typically one project completed each semester during a student’s junior and senior years (enroll in courses listed below for a total of 4-6 credit hours). If necessary, a student can complete multiple projects in a single semester to complete four projects in less than four semesters.

- CE 3870 Junior Honors Project (1-3) for a total of two-three credit hours over a period of two semesters
Senior Honors Project (1-3) for a total of two-three credit hours over a period of two semesters.

The Honors portfolio, containing all completed honors projects, will be presented to the Civil Engineering Honors Program Coordinator and participating faculty for review and comment.

**Computer Science**

Departmental Honors in Computer Science requires the following sequence of courses totaling 7-8 credit hours:

- CPSC 3950 Honors Seminar (1) (up to two semesters – one is required)
- CPSC 4950 Senior Honors Research for a total of six credit hours over a period of two semesters (1-3)

The Departmental Honors program in Computer Science consists of a junior-year honors seminar and a senior-year honors thesis. In each semester of the junior year honors students must take CPSC H3950, a one-credit course designed to introduce students to the research interests of the faculty and to suggest possible topics for the senior thesis. By the end of the second semester of CPSC H3950 the student is expected to have chosen a thesis topic and a research advisor.

After completing the junior honors seminar, the student will complete an honors thesis while enrolled in two semesters of CPSC H4950 for a total of six credits. Upon completion of the written thesis, the student is expected to make a presentation to an open seminar attended by Computer Science faculty and honors students.

**Electrical and Computer Engineering**

Departmental Honors in Electrical and Computer Engineering requires the following sequence of courses totaling 10 credit hours:

- ECE 3000 Junior Honors Seminar (1)

At least 5 credits from the following ECE courses:
- 2010 Logic and Computing Devices (2 credits)
- 2020 Electric Circuits I (3 credits)
- 2620 Electric Circuits II (3 credits)
- 3170 Random Signal Analysis (3 credits)
- 3200 Electronics I (3 credits)
- 3300 Signals, Systems and Transforms (3 credits)

*At least three of these credits must be from ECE 3170 or ECE 3300

Four additional credits:
- ECE 4910 Undergraduate Honors Research for a total of four credit hours over a period of two semesters (1-6)

Or a combination of the following (4 credits):
The Departmental Honors Program in Electrical and Computer Engineering provides qualified students the opportunity to pursue a comprehensive research project under the supervision of a faculty advisor.

In your junior year you will take ECE 3300 and ECE 3000 a seminar designed to introduce you to research activities within the department.

Students may select either of the following options associated with the honors thesis:

**Option 1 – Honors Thesis:** This option includes four credits of ECE 4910 taken in the senior year. You will be required to do a literature survey of your chosen topic and to develop a research plan that will evolve into a senior thesis. Research will be performed under the direction of a faculty advisor. The honors thesis must meet the standards of the faculty advisor and the Calhoun Honors College, and you will be required the Honors Office with a copy of your thesis.

**Option 2 – Creative Inquiry with Honors Thesis:** This option includes four credits of one or a combination of the following courses: ECE 2990 (up to 1 credit) ECE 3990 (up to 1 credit); and ECE 4990 (2-4 credits) The Creative Inquiry (CI) courses may be taken in the sophomore, junior or senior year. You will work with a faculty advisor individually or as a member of a research team. The CI program has been designed to promote your reasoning and critical thinking skills, ethical judgment, and communication skills as well as a deep understanding of the methods of scientific research. This option may get you involved in research activities earlier, and well lead to an honors thesis. The honors thesis must meet the standards of the faculty advisor and the Calhoun Honors College, and you will be required the Honors Office with a copy of your thesis.

Note: The credit hours associated with ECE 4990 and ECE 4910 can be used to satisfy up to 3 credits of the technical elective requirements of the Electrical Engineering curriculum or the Computer Engineering curriculum.

**Geology**

Departmental Honors in Geology requires the following sequence of courses totaling 12 credit hours:

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<td>Research Problems for a total of six credit hours taken under a single research advisor over a period of two semesters (1-3)</td>
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Industrial Engineering

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<td>IE 4000</td>
<td>Honors Thesis (1-6) for a total of six credit hours over a period of two or more semesters</td>
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The Departmental Honors Program in Industrial Engineering provides students with an opportunity to engage in research under the guidance of a faculty advisor. If the research ultimately proves fruitful, it is disseminated to the professional community via presentations, publications, or both. In addition, opportunities exist for students to participate in local and national research competitions.

A student receives academic credit for the research through a series of courses. The first in the series is IE 2680, a course in which honors students become familiar with current research in industrial engineering and begin groundwork for their own research; IE 268 is one credit hour. As the work progresses, students enroll in IE 4000. IE 4000 is a variable hour course that may be taken two or more times, in multiples of one hour, for a total of six credits. Since IE 4000 is a variable hour course, it affords students considerable flexibility. Moreover, the research hours may be substituted for six credits of the Department’s technical elective requirement. While enrolled in IE 4000, the research project is defined and developed, and ultimately culminates in the form of an honors thesis. Upon successful completion of the honors thesis, it must be submitted both to the Calhoun Honors College and the Department’s Honors Coordinator. In addition, the Department requires an abstract and a profile, examples of which may be found on the Department’s Honors Program Web site (theses of former honors students may be found there as well).

Finally, IE 600 is also an option for those students in the Combined Bachelor’s/Master’s Program in Industrial Engineering. In addition to the requirements for IE 4000, requirements for IE 6000 include first forming a thesis committee (consisting of your mentor, the Honors Coordinator and at least one other faculty member), and subsequently presenting both a preliminary proposal defense and final thesis defense to this committee. Thus the IE 6000 requirements more closely parallel those of a master’s thesis.

Materials Science and Engineering

Departmental Honors in Materials Science and Engineering requires the following sequence of courses totaling 8 credit hours:

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Students wishing to participate in the Materials Science and Engineering Departmental Honors Program must have no grade lower than a C in any engineering course taken at Clemson University. Except for MSE 3000, which is offered pass/fail.

In MSE 3000, normally taken in the first semester of the junior year, students attend a weekly graduate seminar and are acquainted with current research in materials science and engineering. Attendance at each seminar is mandatory; students accumulating more than one unexcused absence will receive a grade of F and will be dismissed from the Departmental Honors program. No later than two weeks before the end of the semester, students in MSE H3000 will identify a research project and will submit a proposal to the honors program coordinator.

During the spring semester of the junior year and the fall semester of the senior year, the student completes six hours of honors research by enrolling in MSE 4810, MSE 4910, and MSE 4950. With the approval of the department's Honors Program Committee, students participating in the Cooperative Education Program may substitute two hours of MSE 4910.

During the fall semester of the senior year, the honors student will enroll in MSE 4950. During the spring semester of the senior year, the honors student will enroll in MSE 4970 and write a thesis based on the research done in MSE 4910 and MSE 4950.

The Materials Science and Engineering faculty intends for the Departmental Honors program to be an enriching experience beyond that normally provided to undergraduates. Therefore, Materials Science and Engineering honors courses may not be substituted for courses required for the B.S. degree, with the exception of MSE 4810 and MSE 4910.

**Mechanical Engineering**

Departmental Honors in Mechanical Engineering requires the following sequence of courses totaling 6 credit hours:

- ME 3000 Junior Honors Seminar (0) taken both semesters of your junior year
- ME 4150 Undergraduate Research (1-3) for a total of six credit hours over a period of two semesters

The Departmental Honors program in Mechanical Engineering provides outstanding students an opportunity to conduct in-depth research under the guidance of a faculty advisor. In your junior year you must participate in ME 3000 that introduces you to the spectrum of research activities in the department. By the end of your junior year you must have identified a specific research project, with the approval of your chosen faculty advisor.

During your senior year you must satisfactorily complete a senior research thesis while enrolled in two semesters of ME 4150. The six credits of ME 4150 are accepted for the technical electives required by the mechanical engineering curriculum. You will review the literature pertinent to the research topic, conduct a research program, and present a summary of the background analysis and results of the project in the form of a
senior thesis which must be approved by your faculty advisor and the department Honors Committee. You are also required to make a presentation of your research program in a public seminar and to submit one copy of your thesis to the Honors Office.

College of Science

Biochemistry
Departmental Honors in Biochemistry requires the following sequence of courses totaling 12 credit hours:

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<td>Requires at least two semesters of honors research with 4 credits per semester (for a total of 8 credits) under the same faculty mentor. Only regular tenured or tenure-track faculty within the department may serve as mentor for departmental honors in biochemistry.</td>
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<td>BCHM 4920</td>
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Lecture course requirement

Three (3) additional hours from the following list of BCHM Honors courses:

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Requirements for Departmental Honors in Biochemistry include completion of a senior research thesis and an oral research presentation to the departmental faculty in a seminar setting. The research presentation and thesis are to be completed in the same semester either concurrent with or after the second semester of the required BCHM 4910 honors research. Students will register for BCHM 4920 in the semester they intend to write their thesis and present their research. The final thesis must be approved by the research advisor and the BCHM 4910 honors coordinator, then submitted to the department and the Calhoun Honors College in order for students to receive Departmental Honors.

To be eligible for Departmental Honors in Biochemistry you must achieve a grade of C or better in all required Biochemistry courses, a GPR of 3.30 or better in all required Biochemistry courses, and an overall GPR of 3.40 in all courses.

Up to eight credit hours of GEN/BCHM 4910 may be used towards the science requirement so that the total credits taken by honors students need not be more than those taken by non-honors students.

To earn dual Departmental Honors in Biochemistry and Genetics, students must complete the lecture course requirements for both Biochemistry and Genetics Departmental Honors, three semesters of honors research with four credits per semester (8 credits in biochemistry and four credits in genetics), and BCHM 4920.

**Biological Sciences**

Departmental Honors in Biological Sciences requires the following sequence of courses totaling 12 credit hours:

- BIOL 4910 Undergraduate Research in Biological Sciences (2-4) for a total of 6 credit hours
  - Over two semesters under a single research advisor.

  -or-

- BIOL 4940 Undergraduate Research Microbiology (2-4) for a total of 6 credit hours
  - Over two semesters under a single research advisor.

The additional 4-8 hours are to be taken from the following courses:

- BIOL 3020 Invertebrate Biology (3)
- 3030 Vertebrate Biology (3)
- 3040 Biology of Plants (3)
- 4000 Insect Morphology (4)
- 4010 Plant Physiology (3)
- 4060 Introductory Plant Taxonomy (3)
- 4080 Comparative Vertebrate Morphology (3)
- 4090 Comparative Vertebrate Morphology Laboratory (2)
- 4110 Limnological Analyses (2)
- 4140 Basic Immunology (3)
- 4200 Neurobiology (3)
- 4320 Animal Histology (3)
The honors courses taken will be selected with the approval of your advisor, the course instructors, and the chair of the department. Research results from BIOL 4910 will be written in a style appropriate for publication and presented in an open seminar to the Biological Sciences faculty.

Chemistry
Departmental Honors in Chemistry requires four of the following courses totaling 12 credit hours:

CH  4430  Research Problems (3)
     4440  Research Problems (3)

The additional six semester hours must be taken from the following list.

CH  3320  Physical Chemistry (3)
     4010  Organometallic Chemistry (3)
     4020  Inorganic Chemistry (3)
     4040  Bioinorganic Chemistry (3)
     4130  Chemistry of Aqueous Systems (3)
     4210  Advanced Organic Chemistry (3)
     4270  Organic Spectroscopy (3)
     4350  Atomic and Molecular Structure (3)
Departmental Honors in Chemistry requires a two-semester sequence of research and a senior honors thesis while registered in CH 4430/4440. Both semesters should be performed on a continuation of the same research project with the same advisor, since research of the caliber required for an honors thesis cannot be completed in one semester. Therefore students should make sure that the project embarked upon is one of interest and that s/he can work well with the advisor chosen by the student. In addition the research advisor will choose an advisory committee of two other faculty members who will read the thesis and provide feedback. Students will write an interim paper at the end of CH 4430 and a full research paper at the end of CH 4440. The advisory committee will give an oral examination on the research project.

**Genetics**

Departmental Honors in Genetics requires the following sequence of courses totaling 12 credit hours:

**Research/thesis requirement**

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<td>GEN 4910</td>
<td>Requires at least two semesters of honors research with 4 credits per semester (for a total of 8 credits) under the same faculty mentor. Only regular tenured or tenure-track faculty within the department may serve as mentor for departmental honors in genetics.</td>
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<td>Honors Thesis in Genetics (1)</td>
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**Lecture course requirement**

Three (3) additional hours from the following list of GEN Honors courses:

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Requirements for Departmental Honors in Genetics include completion of a senior research thesis and an oral research presentation to the departmental faculty in a seminar setting. The research presentation and thesis are to be completed in the same semester either concurrent with or after the second semester of the required GEN 4910 honors research. Students will register for GEN 4920 in the semester they intend to write their thesis and present their research. The final thesis must be approved by the research advisor and the GEN 4910 honors coordinator, then submitted to the department and the Calhoun Honors College in order for students to receive Departmental Honors.

To be eligible for Departmental Honors in Genetics you must achieve a grade of C or better in all required Genetics courses, a GPR of 3.30 or better in all required Genetics courses, and an Overall GPR of 3.40 in all courses.

Up to eight credit hours of GEN/BCHM 4910 may be used towards the science requirement so that the total credits taken by honors students need not be more than those taken by non-honors students.
To earn dual Departmental Honors in Genetics and Biochemistry, students must complete the lecture course requirements for both Genetics and Biochemistry Departmental Honors, three semesters of honors research with four credits per semester (8 credits in genetics and four credits in biochemistry), and GEN 4920.

**Mathematical Sciences**
Departmental Honors in Mathematical Sciences requires the following sequence of courses totaling 8 credit hours:

MTHS 3820  Honors Seminar (1) for a total of two credit hours over a period of two semesters
MTHS 4820  Undergraduate Research (3) for a total of six credit hours over a period of two semesters

Students beginning the Departmental Honors program in Mathematical Sciences must complete two credits of MTHS 3820, taken in both semesters of the junior year, and six credits of MTHS 4820 in the senior year. MTHS 3820 is a weekly seminar that prepares students for their senior thesis. In this course, students undertake readings in the philosophy and foundations of mathematics and in research strategies. Students also attend the thesis presentations of senior honors students. By the end of the second semester of MTHS 3820 the student is expected to have identified a research topic and an advisor.

In MTHS 4820, taken in both semesters of the senior year, the student pursues the research topic under the guidance of the faculty advisor. By the end of the first semester the student submits a written interim report and makes an oral presentation on the research progress to date. By the end of the second semester the student submits a written thesis and presents an oral defense to honors students and faculty.

**Microbiology**
Departmental Honors in Microbiology requires the following sequence of courses totaling 12-13 credit hours:

MICR 4910  Undergraduate Research in Microbiology (3) for a total of 6 credit hours taken over two semesters under a single research advisor
MICR 4940  Undergraduate Research in Microbiology (2-4) for a total of 6 credit hours Over two semesters under a single research advisor.

-and- Two (2) honors courses selected from the following:

MICR 4000  Public Health Microbiology (3)
MICR 4010  Microbial Diversity and Ecology (3)
MICR 4070  Food and Dairy Microbiology (4)
MICR 4100  Soil Microbiology (3)
MICR 4110  Pathogenic Bacteriology (3)
MICR 4120  Bacterial Physiology (3)
MICR 4130  Industrial Microbiology (3)
MICR 4140  Basic Immunology (3)
To qualify for Departmental Honors you must earn a grade of A or B in MICR 3050 (General Microbiology).

The goal of MICR 4910, which is normally undertaken in the senior year, is to provide honors students with practical applications of the scientific method through the design and execution of an original research project. The results of the research project will be written as a manuscript suitable for publication, and will be presented in a seminar to Microbiology faculty and other honors students. Students are expected to choose and to arrange to work with a faculty research advisor prior to registering for the first semester of MICR 4910.

**Physics**

Departmental Honors in Physics requires the following sequence of courses totaling 11-13 credit hours:

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<td>Senior Thesis (1-3) for a total of four to six credit hours over a period of two semesters</td>
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In addition, you must take at least six credits of 3000-4000-level honors courses from the following list:

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The Departmental Honors program in the Department of Physics and Astronomy is open to honors students with junior standing that are judged capable of pursuing and completing a comprehensive research project under the supervision of a faculty advisor. To participate in the program you must be recommended by your advisor or honors director and approved by the department chair. You will then be required to satisfactorily complete the required honors courses, culminating in an approved thesis.

In your junior year you will take PHYS 3000, which is designed to introduce you to research activities within the department and to help you identify a research project and a faculty advisor to supervise your senior-year thesis work.
In your senior year you will take PHYS 4010. You will be required to do a literature survey of your chosen topic, conduct a research program, and present a summary of the background and results of the project in the forms of a senior thesis and a public seminar. The thesis must be approved by the department chair.

HONORS AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

*General Honors:* Your successful completion of the requirements for General Honors is recognized by a certificate of completion upon your graduation from Clemson University. Your diploma, permanent transcript and commencement program will indicate your General Honors achievement.

*Departmental Honors:* Your successful completion of the requirements in Departmental Honors will be recognized at a special awards ceremony the day before graduation in December and May. At that ceremony you will be presented the B.C. Inabinet Honors Medallion, which you are privileged to wear during the commencement exercises as a symbol of your outstanding achievements. Your diploma, permanent transcript, and commencement program will indicate your Departmental Honors achievements.

*Interdisciplinary Honors:* Your successful completion of the requirements in Interdisciplinary Honors will be recognized at a special awards ceremony the day before graduation in December and May. At that ceremony you will be presented the B.C. Inabinet Honors Medallion, which you are privileged to wear during the commencement exercises as a symbol of your outstanding achievements. Your diploma, permanent transcript, and commencement program will indicate your Interdisciplinary Honors achievements.

*General and Departmental or Interdisciplinary Honors:* Your successful completion of the requirements of both General Honors and Departmental Honors will be recognized at a special awards ceremony the day before graduation in December and May. At that ceremony you will be presented the B.C. Inabinet Honors Medallion, which you are privileged to wear during the commencement exercises as a symbol of your outstanding achievements. Your diploma, permanent transcript, and commencement program will indicate your General and Departmental or Interdisciplinary Honors achievements.

All Honors students planning to graduate with an Honors distinction **must** complete the Honors Candidacy Form. You can find all information regarding the Honors Candidacy Form, including deadlines, on the website [https://www.clemson.edu/cuhonors/current-students/graduation.html](https://www.clemson.edu/cuhonors/current-students/graduation.html).

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

In addition to the primary reward of a challenging and enriched program of study, Calhoun Honors College provides to its members a number of benefits.

**Honors Housing**

On a space-available basis honors students may request to reside in the Honors Living-Learning Community located in Core Campus, a coeducational facility that accommodates approximately 400 students. Honors students wishing to reside in the Honors Living-Learning Community are advised that space is limited. Being an honors student does not guarantee a housing assignment to the Honors LLC.
Entering honors freshmen will be sent housing information from the University Housing Office. Room selection for the Honors LLC are completed in May for incoming freshmen and January for continuing students. Housing preference for incoming freshmen is based on the date of application submission for general undergraduate admission to Clemson University.

Only honors students who are in good standing with the Honors College are eligible to live in the Honors LLC. Transfer students and Clemson students who join the Calhoun Honors College after the first semester of their freshman year must participate academically in the program for at least one semester before becoming eligible for honors housing.

If you reside in the Honors LLC and your cumulative GPA falls below 3.40, thereby placing you on honors probation, you may remain in the Honors LLC for the remainder of the probationary semester. If at the end of the probationary semester, whether fall or spring, your cumulative GPA remains below 3.40, you will lose all privileges of membership in the program, which could include honors housing. Freshmen residents of the Honors LLC whose first semester GPA is below 2.80 may be reassigned to other campus housing effective the next semester.

**Early Course Registration and Scheduling**

Near the end of each semester students register on-line via except for entering freshmen, honors students are given priority in selecting and scheduling their courses, and are allowed to access the registration system when it opens for seniors. Students joining honors after the first semester of their freshman year must participate academically in the program one semester before becoming eligible for early scheduling.

Due to limited enrollments in most honors courses, it is important that early registration be exercised responsibly. The purpose of this privilege is to enable honors students to meet the requirement of taking at least one honors course each semester. Therefore, as soon as the registration system opens for honors students, you should schedule your honors course(s) first and then schedule your other courses accordingly.

**Library Loan**

As a member of the Calhoun Honors College you are allowed to check out library materials for an extended period of time. Under the university’s library loan policy, honors students are treated the same as graduate students.

**SPECIAL ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

**Conference Travel Fund**

The Conference Travel Fund (CTF) is intended to provide financial support to students in the Calhoun Honors College planning to attend conferences related to their academic interests. Students can apply for funding for conference registration fees, lodging, food and transportation.

**Cultural Enrichment**

Calhoun Honors College enhances the cultural lives of its members by providing opportunities to visit area art galleries and museums and to attend a variety of dramatic and musical performances. Subject to available
funds, a limited number of tickets are purchased for events at Clemson’s Brooks Center for the Performing Arts.

**Departmental Honors Research Grants**
At the beginning of the fall and spring semesters, honors students may apply for funds to support their Departmental Honors research projects. These competitive grants may be used to fund such needs as equipment, supplies, and travel to professional meetings or research facilities, or other items that are beyond the capacity of the student’s department to provide. Guidelines and application materials are available in the Honors Office.

**Dixon Fellows Program**
Through cultural enrichment activities and intellectual exchanges, the Dixon Fellows Program nurtures students who possess the talent and potential to compete for Rhodes, Marshall, Truman, Fulbright and other prestigious fellowships. Admission to the program is highly selective and requires a formal application. This special program is administered by Calhoun Honors College and is supported by the Joseph E. and Caroline G. Dixon Endowment.

**Dixon Global Policy Scholars**
The Dixon Global Policy Scholars (GPS) offers a challenging learning opportunity for students interested in pursuing a major scholarship (such as the Rhodes, Truman or Marshall) and in enhancing their knowledge of the issues that shape the world. Admission to the program is open to freshmen and sophomores, is highly selective and requires a separate application.

**Educational Enrichment Travel Grants**
Honors students may apply for funds to support life-changing educational experiences outside the classroom and away from the Clemson campus. These experiences may be internships, foreign study, public service projects, or other significant endeavors consistent with the student’s educational, career and life goals. These awards are highly competitive. Guidelines and application materials are available in the Honors Office.

**Freshman Mentoring Program**
All incoming honors freshmen will be assigned an honors mentor. The Honors Freshman Mentoring Program creates a community of students working and learning together to develop a unique perspective of living and learning through shared experiences.

**Major Fellowship Assistance**
The Honors Office is the university’s central repository for information about major fellowships. In addition to providing application forms, our office is responsible for screening candidates and nominees for Rhodes, British Marshall, Truman, Fulbright, Goldwater and other extramural fellowship competitions. As an honors student, you will receive early notice of fellowship qualifications and application procedures.

**Seniors Advising Sophomores in Honors (SASH) Program.**
The SASH Program provides sophomore honors students the opportunity to connect with and learn from senior honors students. The SASH Program promotes a collaborative environment among honors students to
enhance educational experiences. Senior Advisors work to provide a high level of service to honors student by helping them connect to and utilize honors and campus resources.

**Wellness Ambassadors Program.**
The Honors Wellness Ambassadors serve as peer mentors who help promote and maintain the wellness of Honors students. They develop wellness-related programs for the Honors College and build relationships with students through weekly drop-in hours held in the Honors Center.

**Honors Pre-Professional Groups**
These organizations were created to help honors students connect in the professional fields. There are currently three groups offered: Pre-Medical Group, Pre-Law Society, and Pre-Allied Health Society. Special programming and resources are provided throughout the academic year to the students involved in these groups.

**Study Abroad Programs**
The Honors College offers a number of internationally based programs designed to enrich your educational experience. These include both spring and summer programs offered exclusively to Honors students.

**The New York Times Readership Program**
A free electronic subscription of The New York Times is available for honors students. In addition to providing excellent daily news, The Times can be an invaluable tool for classes and in preparation for interviews for both employment and for extramural fellowships. The New York Times on-line edition also has many educational resources which can be used free-of-charge by our students.