

A PLAN FOR HONORS WORK IN THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

I. General Nature of Honors Work.

1. Honors may combine distinction in the general work of the College with distinction in the work of the major department; or honors may be granted in the major department alone; but a student may not take general honors alone.
2. The conditions for departmental honors shall be determined by the major department granting such honors, but in order that requirements may be reasonably uniform in the different departments, they must be approved by the General Committee on Honors (see III). It is recommended that in addition to high general average in all studies and in the studies of the major department, the student shall devote 6-8 credit hours to special reading or investigation courses designed for departmental honors students.
3. In order to be eligible for general honors, a student must fulfill the requirements for departmental honors and in addition must take special honors courses designed for the candidate for general honors.
4. Credit in special honors courses (general honors) shall be 8-12 hours. Three courses designed especially for honors students shall be offered, one of 4 hours each in the three following fields: (1) Humanities; (2) Social Sciences; (3) Natural Sciences. Each of these courses shall be planned and supervised by a committee of faculty members representing a single field and appointed by the Dean after consultation with the departments concerned. The course shall be described in the catalogue and regularly announced in the schedule. It shall be placed on the basis of other teaching courses, and adequate provision shall be made for it in the teaching load.

Every candidate for general honors must take the courses representing his major field, and at least one other general honors course.

Each course shall consist of readings or investigation in all departments representing the field, and the student shall be allowed to choose out of a wide field of reading. It shall extend over at least two semesters and may extend over three or four. The chief test shall be an examination at the close of each semester and a final comprehensive covering all the honors work for the two years.

The courses may be further enriched by reports and discussions of the students at regular intervals, and lectures given by the faculty, if such discussions and lectures seem feasible and profitable, but the chief method followed shall be that of reading and original investigation and examination.

5. A student may receive credit for work in honors courses even though he is not recommended for honors upon graduation.

II. Admission to Honors.

1. Honors work shall ordinarily begin in the first semester of the junior year. No student shall be admitted to honors work later than the first semester of the senior year.
2. The candidate for honors must have a general average of B in all work in the University at the time of application and a grade of 2.50 in his major subject. Each department shall add such other requirements for its own students as it sees fit. Advanced-standing students will ordinarily be expected to have had at least one semester in the University. Exceptions to this rule must be passed on by the General Committee on Honors (see III).